

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Earp S31004

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State of Kentucky, Pulaski County Court

On this 18th day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Thirty Three personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Pulaski County State of Kentucky now sitting as a Court Josiah Earp, aged Seventy two years a resident citizen of Pulaski County State of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That while a resident of Montgomery County State of Maryland, according to his present recollection, in the month of March 1781 he volunteered for the Term of nine months in the company of Captain John Nichols, the Lieutenant's name was Thomas Nichols. After he volunteered he was marched to George Town as hereafter stated. There was then also another Company of Militia and a Company of Light horse but he does not now recollect under whose Command. We were rendezvoused at Montgomery Courthouse in the state aforesaid and at that place received the proper arms and accoutrements for the service and was there a short time harried & exercised and from thence was marched to George Town, now in the District of Columbia, and was there stationed and remained there engaged until news arrived that Lord Cornwallis had retreated towards North Carolina; was then directed by the Commanding Officers to return home but to carry with him his arms & other accoutrements and to hold himself ready to march into the service immediately when called on the whole company were dispersed under like orders in a few days after his return from George Town he was again together with the rest of the Company to which he belonged ordered into the service of the United States by his Commanding Officers and was ordered to march to Dumfries a small Town beyond Bladensburg and while on the March, our Officers were informed there was no need of our Services at that point, and was then directed to return home but to hold ourselves in readiness to march again into the service when called on. and after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis he together with the rest of the Company was called in to the Service by the Commanding Officers and were then marched to Frederick Town, Maryland to Guard the prisoners taken at the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and continued there engaged in that service until about the 15th day of December of that year and was then discharged from the service he received no discharge in Writing. At Christmas his nine months would have expired and been completed from the long lapse of time, old age and consequent loss of memory he is unable to state with exact precision how long he was actually employed and engaged in the service, but not less than Eight Months he was always ready at any time but actually engaged eight months he was born in Montgomery County State of Maryland on the 10th day of March 1761 according to an account of his age which he supposes came from his Parents he is himself entirely illiterate not being able to write he has no Record of his age. he was living in said Montgomery County when he was called into the service. After the Revolutionary war he continued to reside in said county until he moved to the State of North Carolina in which state he resided about four or five years and from there about Sixteen years

anterior to this he removed to and settled in Pulaski County Kentucky where he now lives.

he volunteered in the Service

he has stated the names of his Officers who were with the Troops with whom he served. and the general circumstances of the Service.

he received no written discharge.

that he has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services and Knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

he is Known to Martin Owens a Clergyman and Daniel F James residents of his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Josiah Earp, X his mark

[Martin Owens, a clergyman, and Daniel F James gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On August 27, 1853, George Randal gave oath that he is the executor of the estate of Josiah Earp; that Earp has died leaving no widow and only the following children surviving him, Singleton Earp, Allin Earp, Eleanor Randal and Jemima Randal.]

[p 8: Finding by the clerk of court of Polasky County Kentucky that Joshua Earp died in said County November 25, 1844 leaving no widow and only the following children surviving, Singleton Earp, Allin Earp, Eleanor Randol [sic] and Jemima Randol [sic].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Maryland militia.]