

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Palmer S31289

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State of Kentucky Clark County Sct

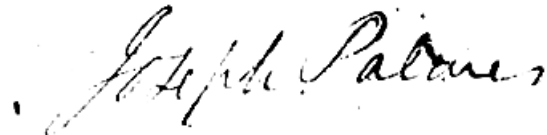
On this 27th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the said County Court now sitting Joseph Palmer Senior a resident of Clark County and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following 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: – He enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Buchanan for the term of twelve months, and served out his said term. The first name of Buchanan he cannot recollect, if he ever heard it – He was marched first to a place called Dangerfield in Spotsylvania County Virginia – from there he was marched to Williamsburg – from there to Springfield, where they were quartered a considerable time – From there to Hampton where he remained until his said term of enlistment had expired and he was discharged – He cannot recollect the number of the Regiment to which he belonged but it was commanded by Colonel Johnson. His discharge was signed by Major Buchanan (being the same officer who had been his Captain but who had been promoted). He has lost said discharge many years since. When he enlisted he resided in King George County & State of Virginia. He cannot recollect the time when he enlisted, He thinks however it was in the year 1776. He was not again in the service until the year 1781 when he entered as a militia man. He was drafted in a company commanded by Captain Coleman. He was marched to Fredericksburg when the Virginia militia were under the command of General Weedon [George Weedon]. From there he was marched under Weedon to Culpeper County where they were met, or where they fell in with the Marquis de Lafayette and the men he commanded – we then left us. And we marched on until we were joined by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], with his troops – After the junction with Wayne we marched towards Albemarle Old Court house, and shortly afterwards the British Army commenced its retreat in the direction of Richmond and we followed until we reached Goochland County. The British retreated from Richmond to Williamsburg, and our Army followed through and near Richmond, and from that in the direction of Williamsburg passing New Kent Courthouse, until the Army stopped at some old fields, where he was discharged the term of two months for which he was drafted having expired – He received a written discharge signed by Colonel Mannywether [Meriwether?], but he has lost said discharge. The next tour he served, and it was his last tour he was again drafted, in a company commanded by Captain Croucher – He was marched to the Army near Williamsburg which he reached sometime in July 1781 as well as he recollects. He was in the brigade commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. His Major was by the name of Hardiman – His Colonel was named Mannywether [Meriwether?] – After being with

the Army some time, in and near the place where he joined, the Army marched to the siege of Cornwallis at York, where he was during the whole siege, and after the surrender of Cornwallis, he was marched with the prisoners to Fredericksburg where he was discharged his two months for which he was drafted having expired. He then got a discharge but he has lost it. He lived during the whole war in Spotsylvania County that he is after the time he enlisted in King George County where he lived. He has no documentary evidence to prove his service. He was born on the 27th day of February 1760. He has no record of his age. His father had one, which he has seen. He removed to Kentucky in the fall of 1784 and has been residing in this State ever since having about the year 1790 settled on the place where he now lives in Clark County – He states that he lived close to the Town of Winchester, and that he is well known to Chilton Allan the present member of Congress, and Judge Clark the former member of Congress, and many others who can all speak as to his character for veracity, and he can prove by Francis Simpson part of his services in the revolutionary war. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

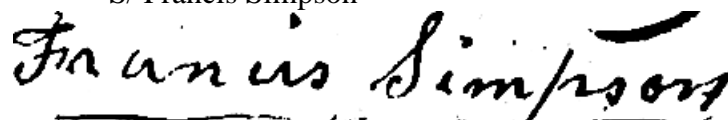
S/ Joseph Palmer



I Francis Simpson¹ a resident of Clark County and State of Kentucky do certify that I am well acquainted with Joseph Palmer who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that I believe him to be seventy-two years of age at least and I further certify that I know he was a soldier in the revolutionary Army being with him myself at the siege of York at the surrender of Cornwallis, and I believe he served as he has stated in his foregoing declaration.

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Simpson



[Samuel Hanson and John B Ryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 4 months in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Francis Simpson R9604](#)