

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Palmer S31293

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State of Kentucky County of Christian SS

On this 9th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable B. Shackelford sole judge of the Christian Circuit Court now sitting Isaac Palmer a resident of Christian County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years the 1st of November 1832, 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 previous to his entering the service he resided in the County of Northumberland & state of Virginia – in the northern neck that in the year 1776 and while Lord Dunmore was at Gwynn's Island he was called on as a volunteer by Captain Nutt [probably Captain William Nutt] who was then his Captain in the Militia of Virginia. He rendezvoused at a place in the low country called Scotland old field – in [indecipherable word or words] from thence we marched to Col. Fleets [?] Island where he remained but a short time before we were discharged by the Captain. Our reason for being discharge was that Captain Berryman arrived there with his Company – We were what was then termed minute men –

The next tour he entered the service in the same County in the same year under the command of Captain Beacham [perhaps Abraham Beacham] – Lieutenant Thomas Bell – We marched then to Munday's point [Monday's Point]. We lay there but a short time before we were again verbally discharged. – Between this term and the year 1780 – He was at all times held in readiness as a minute man to render service and was frequently called on & did render such service particularly whenever the British Shipping made their appearance in the Bay – We were called upon to prevent their landing or the Negroes from going on board of their ships in the year 1780 – He was called on frequently – in Companies in order to prevent the landing of the British and in the year 1781 – when Lord Cornwallis was stationed at Williamsburg or Little York he was then called upon and entered the service under the command of Captain Beacham. He never was in any engagement – that in all he is well satisfied he rendered fully two years Service including a portion of the time he was at home though even at that time he was held in readiness and under a requisition to March at any time and to any point – in the year 1784 he removed from the said County to Spotsylvania – where he resided ten years – in '94 he removed from Spotsylvania to the State of Kentucky Woodford County – where he resided but a short time from there to [indecipherable word]¹ County in this State where he resided until the year 1821 –

¹  Scott County, KY?

when he removed to Christian County where he has ever since resided – His age is recorded in his Father's Bible which he now has in his own house – that he has no documentary evidence nor does he at present know of any person by whom he can prove his actual Service – He submits the foregoing Declaration as full answers to all the Interrogatories put by the War Department that he is well known to Joseph Clark, A. Blen, Benjamin Radford, Reverend William Tandy, Robert Coleman & many others who are his neighbors – and John B Radford.

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 of the United States –

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Isaac Palmer



[William Davenport, a clergyman, and John B Radford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Christian County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the Commonwealth and County aforesaid Isaac Palmer who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – That his first tour with Captain Nutt at Gwyns Island [Gwynn Island] he served six days and was then discharged –

He then served with Captain Beacham as a private sixteen days at Monday's Point. That between this tour and the year 1780 – he was frequently called upon by Colonel Thomas Gaskins whenever the British were likely to make their appearance in the Bay – and in this Service – he served at least six months. That in the [year] 1781 – under Captain Beacham as a private at Little York he served one month. That to count the time which he lost in holding himself in readiness and other tours of service rendered as a minute man he is well satisfied that it would make two years as stated in his Declaration to which this is an amendment – and if the law will allow him pay for his minute service he is satisfied it would embrace the two years –

That he was born in Northumberland County State of Virginia in the year 1747 on the 1st day of November –

That he has stated the names of the officers with whom he served as well as he now recollects them – and the general circumstances of his Service –

He never received a written discharge from his Officers.

That he would name Joseph Clark, A. Blin, Benjamin Radford, Reverend William Tandy, Robert Coleman, John B Radford, & many others of his near neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – for which Service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed by the said Deponent before me this 10th day of February 1834

S/ D. L. Hays, JP

S/ Isaac Palmer



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 22 days in the Virginia militia.]