

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Summers S31399

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State of Illinois Morgan County: SS

On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Woods, James Green & William Gillham Judges of the County Commissioners Court of said County now sitting, Joseph Summers a resident of said County aged eighty-three 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. About the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina, there was a call upon the Militia for Volunteers to go after some Indians who had been committing some depredations upon the Americans, he volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Flack, attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Martin, the Regiment was organized at Guilford Courthouse in the fall of the year, but deponent does not recollect the year, he recollects seeing a Liberty pole at Guilford Courthouse at the time the Regiment was organized. The Regiment marched from Guilford to the Indian Village, but the Indians had left the place, the village was destroyed by the Militia. After the village was destroyed the Troops returned and were dismissed, deponent cannot state the time that he served on this expedition with confidence, he volunteered to serve three months, and his best recollection is that he served from August or September until about Christmas following – not long after he was discharged from this Service, he volunteered to serve a tour of duty of three months in Captain Edward Gwynn's Company, John Gwynn was the Lieutenant, the company was organized in Guilford County North Carolina, deponent does not remember what Regiment the company was attached to, the company marched down to Chatham County, remained there some time and returned to Guilford and in a short time thereafter marched to Randolph County where 21 Tories were taken prisoners, they were taken to Hillsboro and left there to be tried as deponent understood, deponent served this time 3 months and was discharged, shortly after this discharge he Volunteered again under

Captain Edward Gwynn to serve three months the company was formed in Guilford County aforesaid the company was employed in scouting through [the] Country and defending the Inhabitants from injury by the Tories & British – deponent thinks he was employed in this service 3 months, upon being discharge from this Service, deponent Volunteered to serve another Tour of duty of 3 months in Captain Elliot's Company the company was organized in Guilford County, and joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army not far from Guilford Courthouse. He does not remember the Regiment to which he was attached, but Elliot's company was made up of mounted Volunteers, and deponent thinks that the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee, – deponent furnished his own Horse on this expedition and served three months, he was discharged only two days before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, the deponent says that his memory is treacherous, that he cannot recollect dates, – According to the best information that he has been able to obtain he was born in the year 1749 in Kent County Delaware, he removed to Guilford County North Carolina when he was about twenty-three years old. He resided in Guilford County North Carolina most of the time until about thirty-six years ago he removed to Sumner County Tennessee, he remained there until about two years and nine months sense, when he removed to Morgan County Illinois where he now resides. He has no record of his age and speaks of the same from information which he believes to be true. He has no documentary or other written evidence of his services in the Army. He does not now know of anyone living who can testify to his services except Joseph Jackson of Morgan County Illinois who knows that deponent served but does not know how long. Deponent is personally known to Lawrence Killebrew and Thomas Cowhick, Jesse B. Schults, Robert Gates, & others who reside in this neighborhood where deponent now resides – deponent never received any discharge for any Tour of duty which he performed. He has never received any pay or compensation for his services. 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.

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Summers, X his mark

S/ William Woods

S/ William Gillham

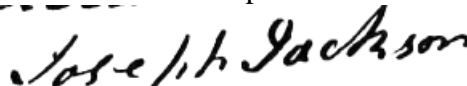
S/ James Green

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I Joseph Jackson<sup>1</sup> of the County and State aforesaid, do swear that I was personally acquainted with Joseph Summers who has subscribed the foregoing declaration during the Revolutionary War in the County of Guilford State of North Carolina, and know that he was engaged on several Campaigns in the Service of the United States. I do not know how long he served, but from my own knowledge, and the information of others I believe that he served as stated in the foregoing declaration.

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/Joseph Jackson



[Lawrence Killebrew, a clergyman, and Thomas Cowhick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Jackson W370](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months and 25 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]