

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Charlton S3149

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State of Tennessee } Magistrate's office May 12th 1834
Hawkins County }

On this 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me at his own place of residence in Hawkins County Tennessee, Jacob Charlton resident of Hawkins County Tennessee aged 92 years next April, 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:

This Applicant states that he was born in James City County in the State of Virginia, on the the 25th day of April 1743. That there was a record of his age kept by the Clerk of the Church of England, either Hickory neck Church [Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] or Warren Eye Church, which which of them he does not now remember that he did procure a copy of the record of his age from the Clerks office of the Church, that he has long since lost it. This Applicant further states that he thinks he was living in Powhatan County Virginia when he first entered the service of the United States, as a Drafted Soldier under Capt. Isaac Porter, in the Month of September in the year 1777 as well as he remembers, that he was marched by his Captain to a Ferry called Westham on James river [now in Richmond], that at this place they were stationed, that the object of this station was to watch the river & prevent the British from assending & also to prevent the tories from passing & repassing to the enemy, that at this station he served out, his three months, the time for which he was Drafted that he received a written discharge from the service, signed by his Captain Porter & returned home this term of service lasted three months This Applicant further states that he again entered the service as a Drafted Soldier under Captain Thomas Miller, in Buckingham County Virginia in the fall of the year of 1779 as well as he remembers, & he thinks in September, from this circumstance, that when he left home he had pulld down some of his fodder, but had not taken it up & had to leave it in that condition, & that he returned home on Christmass eve. That from Buckingham Court house his Company was marched to Chesterfield Court house, here they remained a few days to rest & draw provisions, & from thence to Petersburg, which place they passed through, from thence he thinks to Surry Church, & from thence to Mackey's Mill, here as well as he remembers they joined the Grand Army, but what Officers commanded it he does not now remember. This mill was situated on one of the Tributary streams of James river, that at this place they encamped all night & on the next morning while they were preparing their breakfast, they received information from an express that the British were landing below Suffolk town, & before they could get their breakfast they had to march to the defence of that place, that when they reached Suffolk the British had taken the allarm & departed, & at this place he remained till his three months, for which he was drafted, had expired, & from thence they returned to Petersburg, at which place they received thanks for the courage they had displaid in driving the British from the shore, & here after having his Canteen filled with Brandy, he received his written discharge from the service, signed by Capt. Miller, which discharge he also lost not taking any care of it. This Term of service lasted three months. This Applicant further states that, he was living in the same County when he again entered the service as a Drafted soldier under Captain Richarard Crump [sic: Richard Crump] in the latter part of the summer in the year 1781, as well as he remembers, that from Buckingham Court house they were marched through Petersburg to Nusum Spring [Newsome Spring] that at this place, which was on James River, they were stationed about six weeks or two months, as well as he remembers, waiting for an express, that the object of their station at this place, was to see that no one assended the river, that they remained in sight of the canonade at Little York &

could see the bombs bursting in the firmament, that while they were stationed here they received an express that Wallis had surrendered [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], & then all the forces were marched into Yorktown, where they were all dismissed & returned home this Term of service also lasted three months, he does not remember that he received a written discharge from this Term of service That there was such joy, that the Country was rid of a formidable enemy by the surrender of Cornwallis, no one thought of any thing but meriment as it appeared to him. This Applicant further states that he is now confined to his bed, probably, with his last spell of sickness, & is unable to attend Court & that his memory is very imperfect from old age & sickness, so that he cannot swear positively to the length of time he served, but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods above stated, making in all nine months & for such service he claims a pension. he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, & that he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his service but that he is well known in his present neighborhood to John Smith a pensioner [S1931] and John Gilliam & Thomas Barrett who can testify to his charactor for verascity & their belieaf of his services during the Revolutionary War. This Applicant further states that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood, he further states that he never received a Commission. This Applicant further states that he lived since the Revolutionary War in Buckinham County till he moved into Sullivan County Tennessee, where he lived some time & then moved into Hawkins Couty where he now lives & has been living for the last fourteen years. He further states that owing to the laps of memory he can not name any of the Regular or Continental Officers.

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 (if any) only on that of the Agency of the state of Virginia

Jacob hisXmark Charlton