

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Zerry (Terry) S31508

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State of Kentucky Grayson County: Sct.

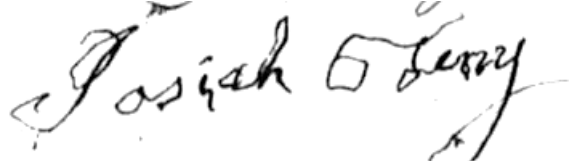
On this 26 day of November 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before Eli Bozorth [?], Charles H. Stuteville [?], Joseph Boone, William Paterson, George W Neighbours, Joseph Wilson, William C Wortham, Henry [illegible], William Brunk & John Patterson the court of Grayson County in the State of Kentucky now setting Josiah Zerry a resident of Grayson County and State of Kentucky aged seventy seven 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 was born in Botetourt County in the State of Virginia on the 2nd day of April 1755 and there resided until he entered the service of the United States. That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the summer of the year 1774 under Captain Joseph Rentfro in the militia of Virginia in Botetourt County State of Virginia and was stationed three months and guarding Madisons Fort [Madison's Fort] in the same County, the forts and frontiers in the Western part of Virginia being exposed to the Indians a guard had to be and was constantly kept by the governments and in the year 1776 he volunteered under Captain Joseph Rentfro and marched from Botetourt County on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians and when they arrived at Kinders Fort [?] on the head of the Holston River they were informed that they were not wanted on the expedition and were ordered to halt and guard Kinders Fort, and that he served on this tour three months. That in the year 1777 he volunteered under Captain Joseph Rentfro and went to the Lead Mines then in Botetourt County Virginia now in Wyth County [Wythe County] and was there stationed three months in guarding the same from the Indians and Tories in this tour he served three months -. That in 1778 he volunteered under Captain Joseph Rentfro for six months and started from Botetourt County in the State of Virginia to go to the mouth of the Kenhaway [Kanawha River?] against the Shawnee Indians and marched on until they arrived in Green brier [Greenbrier] County in the State of Virginia where they were informed that they were not wanted at the mouth of the Kenhaway he was then stationed in Green brier County at Vanbevers fort [? Van Metre's Fort?] And served out his time as an Indian Spy at this time he served six months.

That in 1780 he volunteered under Captain Samuel Eason and went to the lead mines which was very much exposed to the Indians and Tories and was there stationed three months as a guard at this time he served three months. That in 1781 he volunteered under Colonel Lynch for three months and marched on to the lead mines and remained there for some time, he was then marched out against the Tories through a part of North Carolina, but they were stationed at the Lead mines and took small expeditions against the Tories. That they frequently took Tories and brought them into the lead mines and had them tried, some were punished and others set at liberty; at this time he served three months. That in 1782 he performed the like service at the

lead mines under Colonel Lynch in guarding the lead mines and caging Tories and bringing them in and delivering them up to the Officers at the lead mines. That he never received any discharge except for one tour and that he has lost – that he was living in Botetourt County State of Virginia when he entered the service, and remained there until the year 1815 when he moved to Grayson County in the State of Kentucky and has lived there ever since. – General Lewis and Colonel Barnell had the command of the militia, Colonel Lynch was in the service = = Jack Thomas, Isaac Thomas, William Cunningham, James H Wortham, William C Wortham, John Rogers, John S Foushee, George W Neighbours, Abraham Neighbours my present neighbours who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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/ Josiah Zerry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josiah Zerry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Josiah Zerry".

[Charles H Stuteville, a clergyman, and John Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73 per pound commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]