

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Mercer S31862

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The State of Georgia, Coweta County

On this the 4th day of September in the year of our Lord 1834 Personally appeared in open Court before us John D. Hinton , G. D. Greer and William Spratling Judges of the Inferior Court of the said State & County now Sitting Jacob Mercer a resident of said State and County aged 81 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was living in the frontiers of Georgia in Wilkes County and was called out into Service for a term of six months to defend and protect the frontiers and to build a line of forts; That he entered the service in September 1777 in the company of Captain Heard [perhaps Captain Richard Heard],¹ the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Dooley [John Dooly], the whole under the Command of General Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], and served until March 1778 and was discharged, we built at that time a line of Forts from the Ogeechee, to the Savannah River -- say 12 or 14 forts. On 2 April 1778 he was again drafted, for a tour of 2 months, the Company was commanded by Captain Richard Heard, the Regiment by Colonel Dooley -- the whole rendezvoused at Heard's Fort Wilkes County Georgia -- From which place we were marched down to Burke County Jail and there served out our tour of 2 months and was discharged --

On 20 March 1779 he again entered the service was drafted for three months and was marched to Augusta Georgia & there served out his tour of three months; and was discharged in June of the same year, the Company was commanded by Captain Richard Heard, the Regiment by Colonel Stephen Heard. On the first of July 1779, he was again drafted for a tour of three months the Company was commanded by Captain Richard Heard, the Regiment by Colonel Stephen Heard, he was marched to Savannah Georgia -- was at the Siege and battle with the combined forces of France & America while at Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779], was under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], he served out his tour of three months and was discharged, in October of the same year -- This deponent Served in different detachments, and at different periods more than two years, during the Revolutionary War; but by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect the time he entered -- the time he left the service, other than the tours before mentioned -- that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can

¹ [Richard Heard W4229](#)

testify to his service, but Thomas Leverett,² whose affidavit is hereunto annexed -- 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 before us the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Mercer



S/ Jno. D. Hinton, JICCC

S/ G. D. Greer, JICCC

S/ Wm Spratling, JICCC

1st I was born on the 12th day of April 1753 -- in Currituck County North Carolina

2nd My age was recorded in the Family Bible, but I do not know where it is

3rd I was living in Wilkes County Georgia, at the Commencement of the revolutionary war, and have been living in the frontiers of said State ever since, and now am a resident of Coweta County

4th I was drafted

5th I have seen General Lincoln, and served with Continental Troops, but do not now recollect the number of the regiments -- or their officers names.

6th I received a discharge by Colonel Heard but I have lost or mislaid it.

7th I refer to Joseph Bankston a minister of the Gospel and James Wood

Sworn and Subscribed before us the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Mercer

S/ Jno. D. Hinton, JICCC

S/ G. D. Greer, JICCC

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[Joseph Bankston, a clergyman, and General James Wood gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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Personally came before me William W. Carlyle an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Thomas Leverett Senior who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he has been personally acquainted with the applicant Jacob Mercer for upwards of fifty years, that is to say our acquaintance commenced previous to the declaration of the independency of these U.S. and of my own knowledge knew him to be in actual service in the defense of his Country during said Revolutionary War in person with this deponent, under the Command of General Elijah Clarke & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] &c & also of his Serving with this deponent in Phillips Fort under the Command of Zachariah Phillips as our Captain and to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief that said Jacob Mercer has ever stood fair in the community both in the church & State, and supports an honest character.

Sworn to & subscribed before this 27th November 1832

S/ Thomas Leverett, L his mark

S/ William W. Carlyle, JP

² [Thomas Leverett W4264](#)

[James Reeves, a clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit as to the claimant.]

[Mercer died August 6, 1837, place not stated in file; no family information is in the file except the note that he was survived by 4 children, but they are not named, nor is his wife named in any of the file documents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Georgia militia.]