

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jared Sudduth S32001

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State of Georgia Clarke County: On this 20th of November personally appeared in open Court before Charles Dougherty presiding Judge of the Superior Court of said County, now sitting, Jared Sudduth a resident of the County of Clarke and State aforesaid, aged 69 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: He was born in Stafford County & raised in Fauquier County, Virginia, on the 8th of April 1763. There is a record of his age in a prayer Book in the possession of an Elder brother's Estate in Wilkes County. He was living in Fauquier County, Virginia, when he entered the service as a drafted Militia man in the latter end of January or the first part of February 1781 on a tour of three months, under the command of Colonel John or Armstead (the Christian name not recollected distinctly) Churchill [Armistead Churchill], the Captain was John (as he thinks) Bruniow [sic?, perhaps a mistaken reference to Capt. Thomas Bronaugh], Lieutenant Francis Paine [Francis Payne]. His Company was marched to Williamsburg & while there he was detached with others under the command of Captain Kelly who lived in Williamsburg for a three days tour to watch the British movements. Instead of three days, they were gone three weeks & saw the British nearly every day in what he thinks they called Hampton Roads, it was in a South East direction from Williamsburg. After staying there three weeks Captain Kelly gave orders for the troops to march to Williamsburg with all imaginable speed, they started at midday without any regularity to join the Army at that place, as it was expected the British were marching upon Williamsburg, & reached the town that night at midnight. Next morning the British entered Williamsburg at one end of the town & the Americans left it at the other. Before however the British reached the place, Thomas Massey belonging to one of the American scouting parties killed a British Major as they were landing about four miles below Williamsburg. The Americans retreated to Richmond & the British followed after & reached Manchester a small town opposite Richmond on the South side of James River & there they burnt the warehouses of that place [April 30, 1781]. They remained in Manchester as long as Deponent remained in Richmond, his time expired there & he returned home & met the relief of his County in Fredericksburg going on to Richmond. While he was stationed at Richmond, the Americans took eight prisoners that had strolled off from the British lines & deponent was guarding them when his company was discharged. He received no written discharge for this service. On the last of August or the first of September of the same year he was drafted again to perform a three months tour at the Siege of York, to which place he marched under the command of James Winn, Captain, Dawson Burgess 1st Lieutenant & Peter Camper 2nd Lieutenant – Upon reaching York, the very same evening Captain Winn ran off home & carried two of the men, Captain John Russ followed after

him apprehended the two men & brought them back & deponent saw them whipped – Winn got home there remained one Lynn Sharpe [Linsfield Sharpe], then commanded his company. Deponent remained there during the whole Siege, after he arrived, & worked faithfully sixteen days in the trenches when the siege was raised & the British surrendered & marched out in view of the whole American troops. Deponent helped to guard the Prisoners up to Winchester & there remained till his time expired, which was a few days after he reached there. He was taken sick shortly after arriving at Winchester, with what was called the Camp fever & remained a long time at the point of death, so that he received no discharge for this service. He served the two tours of three months each faithfully, which makes, of course, six months service.

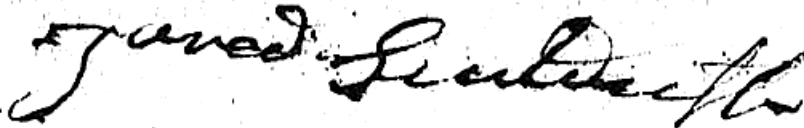
He has never received the first cent for the above services from any quarter. He has no documentary testimony to prove the foregoing service & knows of no one who can establish the facts. He moved from Virginia to Georgia, to Wilkes County, in the year 1790 & to Clarke County, same State, where he now resides in the year 1819. – He will state the names of the Honorable A. S. Clayton & William Dickens who will testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

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/ C. Dougherty, JSCWC

S/ Jared Sudduth

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jared Sudduth". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[A. S. Clayton and William Dickens gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated May 5, 1857 executed in Gilmer County Georgia by James N Sudduth, son and heir of Jarred S. Sudduth [sic], deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]