

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Gowin Jeffries S32341

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act intituled an act for the relieve of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Gowin Jeffrey of North east Township in the County of Orange in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Virginia Line in the Continental of the army of the revolution for the Term of Three years that I enlisted in the County of King & Queen in the state of virginia under Capt Thomas Pollard whose company belonged to a Regiment Commanded by Col'n Marshall whose christian name I do not recollect nor do I recollet the number of the Rignent and served in said Company as a Musician for the full term of three years during which time I was in the Battle near Camden where Genl Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden SC where Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] and at the end of the Term for which I was enlisted I was discharged at Richmond in Virginia by Capt Christopher Roan and Received a full and compleate discharge from him which has long since been worn to pieces and lost I further declare that I served a tower of Two months in the militia after I was discharged from my enlistment in which said tower I was at the surrender of Corn Wallace at yorktown [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]

and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the united states nor was I at any other time

Witness my hand this 4th day of February in the year AD 1829

Gowin hisXmark Jeffers

[In the following deposition some letters are missing at the edges of the paper and are inferred here in brackets.]

[St]ate of Indiana } SS

[Cou]nty of Vigo }

On this 18th day of November in the year [one t]housand Eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open [cour]t before Robert Hackett Composing the Court of Probate for said County [now] sitting, it being a Court of Record for said County, Gowin Jeffries a [resid]ent of the County of Vigo and State of Indiana aged Seventy [?] years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his [oat]h make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the [ac]t of Congress passed June 7th 1843. That he entered the Service [of] the United States under the following named Officers and served as [her]ein stated. That he the said Gowin Jeffries enlisted for the term of [thr]ee years in King & Queen County in the State of Virginia (the [mo]nth & year he cannot remember) in the Virginia State line of the [ar]my of the Revolution and was a fifer in the Company [com]manded by Captain William Spiller in the Regiment commanded [by] Colonel Thomas Marshall, it being called the State Artillery [Re]giment. he states he joined said Regiment at Little york Virginia [an]d that he continued to serve in said Corps which was with General [Ga]tes and General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at different periods until the January [or] February after Gates's Defeat. when he was discharged from the [se]rvice aforesaid at the city of Richmond in the State of Virginia, he [sta]tes, that in consequence of old age and the consequent loss of memory [he c]annot give a precise history of his services as to what battles or campaigns [he] was in, nor can he state with accuracy whether he remained under the [com]mand of Captn William Spiller during the whole time of his three [ye]ars Services as aforesaid. he thinks he was alternately under the command [of] Captain Wm. Thompson, Captain Wm. Spiller, and Captain Christopher [R]oane, thinks they were all Captains in the said Regiment of State Artillery. he states that the Battallion in said Regiment to which he [be]longed was commanded by Major John Mazarett. He [st]ates that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his servi[ce]. He states he was born in the County of King & queen in the State of Virginia in the year 1756. the month nor day of the month he does not recollect. Has no record of his age nor never had. he states that when he w[as] called into service he lived in the County of King and Queen in the Stat[e] of Virginia. that since the Revolutionary war he moved to the State of

Indiana in the year 1827. that he now lives in the County of Vigo & State of Indiana & has lived there for Six years past.

He states that he enlisted in the virginia state line in the Regiment of State Artillery as before set forth. Recollects that General Greene General ~~Morgan~~ ~~Holand~~ &c were continental officers who were with the troops where he served. He states that he received a written discharge from the service given by his Captain, but it has been long since destroyed States that he had a poor chance to take care of papers. He states that h[e] is known to William Stansel a Clergyman, and John Carr residents in his present Neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his 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 ro[ll] of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Gowin hisXmark Jeffries

NOTE:

A Treasury Department document states that the final pension payment was made to "two of the three children of Gowin Jeffries, deceased" for the period up to his death on 9 Aug 1837.

The file includes a document in which Jeffries alleges that the person who prepared his second application refused \$25 for this service as being inadequate payment and kept the pension certificate from him.