

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Painter S32430

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State of Illinois County of Coles } SS

In the year of our Lord 1833 On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October personally Appeared in open Court before the Honorable M. W. Willson Judge of our Circuit now sitting and constituting said Court Joseph Painter a resident of the United States of America in the County of Coles and State of Illinois Aged 89 years and 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated to wit a private in General Retherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, Colonel Bateman's [Christopher Beekman's] Regiment and in Captain William Batem,s [sic, William Beekman's] Company under Lieutenant George Hickman. That he does not recollect the day nor month but that he first entered the service as a volunteer in the year of our Lord 17?? [last 2 digits obliterated] for a six months tour and that the service was through the whole of said Tour when he received a discharge from Colonel Bateman which discharge he States was afterwards taken by the Tories who robbed his house &c. That he resided in the County of Burk [Burke County] and State of North Carolina when he entered the Service was in no engagement during said Tour marched through the northern part of North Carolina – thence to South Carolina where he arrived the day after the battle with the Scots [presumably a reference to the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] & camped the ensuing night between the Towns of Cross Creek and Camblin at which place he was discharged as above stated. That the next year he Again volunteered his services as a private for the term of six months against the Cherokee Indians<sup>1</sup> under General Retherford – Colonel Hugh Pervard [Hugh Brevard] and Captain John Turnbull who was Captain of the Pack horse company – that he marched from Burke County North Carolina (at which place he entered service) through the Country bordering on the Catata [Catawba] River & out at the head of said River, thence through the mountains of Tennessee River, thence into the Cherokee Nation, that he was in several Skirmishes with the Indians, That he killed two Indians just before he arrived at the Overhill Towns of the Indians having left the pack horse Company at the Valley Towns – That the next summer he again volunteered as a private against the Cherokees from the same State & County as aforesaid under Captain James Robison [sic] and remained about one month in the Service and then returned home – That the

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<sup>1</sup> Presumably the veteran is referring to the campaign referred to in [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html) but no militia from Burke County is known to have participated in that campaign.

ensuing summer he again volunteered in Captain James Robbinson's [sic] horse company against the Cherokees marched through their Nation but the Indians having fled was in no engagements remained about one month in the service and then returned home. That he again volunteered for a three months tour under General Retherford, Colonel Armstrong's Regiment & from the same County and State aforesaid marched for the Eutaw Springs where he arrived the day after the battle at that place – that he was in the engagement at Ram Sowards mill [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780?] on a bank of the little broad River under Captain Giley falls [Gilbraith Falls], which occurred a few weeks after the battle of the Eutaw Springs<sup>2</sup> – That the next season which was the last year of the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the Continental factory of roan County [Rowan County] North Carolina that he served there as a cook under Colonel Davidson for [paper folded and a few words of illegible text] at the expiration of which time he received a discharge which is now destroyed that in all his services from the time he commenced or entered the service which was in the year 1777 until he left the same in the year 1783 was two years and seven months of actual service in the rank of a private – He recollects knew [sic] regular Officers but General Retherford and Colonel Armstrong that he is acquainted with Griffin Tipsoward<sup>3</sup> of this County who can testify to his services as a Revolutionary soldier he is acquainted with John F Smith clergyman and James Nees who can testify to their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier that he is a man of undoubted veracity and good character – that he was born in the State of New Jersey in the year of our Lord 1744 the only record of his age is in his Father's family Bible now in his Possession that he moved to the State of Georgia the summer after the war was ended where he lived five years, thence to Kentucky where he resided about twenty years, thence to the territory of Illinois and now resides in Coles County State of Illinois, he hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Painter, X his mark

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Griffin Tipsiward [sic] being duly sworn according to law deposeth and percent says that he was personally acquainted with the above named Applicant for a pension to wit (Joseph Painter) that the said Painter was in the Army as a Soldier at the Eutaw Springs & that this Affiant also saw him in the engagement at Ram Sowards Mills &c.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Griffin Tipsoward, X his mark

[John F Smith, a clergyman, and James Nees gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that the name of Joseph Painter does not appear on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war or any other document in this Office affording evidence of his services in said line.

Given under my hand this 19 December 1833

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<sup>2</sup> This statement makes no sense. The Battle of Eutaw Springs was fought on September 8, 1781, more than year and several months before the Battle of Ramsour's Mill at which Gilbraith Falls was killed.

<sup>3</sup> [Griffin Tipsoward \(Tipsonard, Sowards\) R10617](#)

S/ Wm Hall, Secry.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 4 months in the North Carolina militia.]