

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Grimsley S3429

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County:

On this 11th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me Abraham Halse an acting Justice of the peace for said County Joseph Grimsley a resident of Tennessee in the County of Sullivan aged Ninety Two 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

1st Term of service

Entered under Colonel James Pendleton, Major William Roberds [sic, William Robards], Captain William Chapman, Alexander Waugh; James Rucker and Hill in the month of August 1778 – and left the service the last of October 1778 was in no engagement lived in Culpeper County State of Virginia was drafted into the service, marched through a part of Virginia, Maryland and a part of Pennsylvania States. Joined no other company whilst he was out, and has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

2nd Term of service

Entered under Colonel John Thornton, Colonel Allcock [probably Robert Allcock], Major Terrell, Captain William Green, in the month of May or June in the year 1781 and left the service after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], lived in Culpeper County State of Virginia, was drafted into the Service, was in no battles other than the Siege of York. Joined General Looingburg's [probably an attempt to name Peter Muhlenberg] regular troops, there joined General George Washington's Army, marched only in the State of Virginia, knew General Looningburg, and some French officers but their names not now recollected, and 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 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.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace &c Joseph Grimsley who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the

following grade. For seven months and fifteen days I served as a drafted Soldier or militia and for such Service I claim a pension.

S/ Abraham Halse, JP

Qn by the Justice of the peace to the Claimant

Where and in what year were you born

Ans. In Virginia State Prince William County in the year 1741

2nd Qn. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

Ans. Yes, And it in my Father's family Bible

3rd Qn. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war – and where do you now live

Ans. In Culpeper County Virginia State, I have lived since in Virginia and Kentucky States, and now lives in Sullivan County Tennessee State.

4th Qn How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute. And if a Substitute for whom.

Ans. Was drafted into the Service, did not volunteer nor was not a Substitute

5th Qn. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I knew General George Washington and General Looningburg. There was a heavy Thunder Storm arose and the report of the thunder was taken by the troops to be the British artillery and they broke and fled very much. I know of nothing more in a General Point of view that is calculated to throw any more light on the subject.

6th Qn. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it and by whom was it given.

Ans. Yes I received a discharge the first term of Service but not the last. It was given by Colonel James Pendleton but I do not know what has become of it.

7th Qn State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Mr. William Stevenson, William Ingle, Jesse J James, P. M., Terry White Esquire, Abraham Moore, Daniel Denton, David White, Uiter Crouch, David Gibson, John Whitlock, Gabriel Morgan &c

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Grimsley, X his mark

[Jesse Rigg, a clergyman, and George Proffitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]