

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Westmoreland S3526

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State of Tennessee Fentress County: October Sessions of the County Court for the County aforesaid

Be it remembered that in the year of our Lord 1830 personally appeared in open court it being a County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid being a court of record of said County and State having power to fine and imprison according to the court [sic, course] of the common law Jesse Westmoreland resident in said County of Fentress aged about seventy-six years who being first duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth on his said oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Jesse Westmoreland enlisted and entered the Service of the United States of America in the revolutionary war, for the term of three years in the year 1778 he entered the Service in the State of Virginia in Mecklenburg County with a Captain whose name was Burrell his Christian name not recollected he marched under the command of Captain Burrell to Williamsburg in Virginia where he was transferred to the command of Captain Henry Dudly [Henry Dudley] he then marched under the command of Captain Dudly to the Valley Forge near Philadelphia where it was said head quarters where he then was placed under the command of Colonel William Brent the dates of his departure marches and arrivals are not now recollected in the year 1781 he marched back to Williamsburg in Virginia and was discharged sometime in that year he received his discharge from Colonel William Brent after having served the full term of three years for which he was Enlisted he has lost his discharge in the following manner he kept it in his Bible and in moving it was casually lost without being sold or transferred in any way by him nor has he received any compensation pay or pension for said Service at any time he states that during his Service he was in the Battle of Monmouth the taking of Fowlers Hook [Paulus Hook NJ, 19 August 1779] besides several slight inconsiderable engagements the dates whereof not presently recollected these battles were against the common Enemy the British his name is not on the roll of any State that he knows or believes he hereby relinquishes all claim to any Pension for said services except this the reason for not making a more Early application for a Pension is that he has long resided in the counties of Overton before Fentress was stricken off and in Fentress County since he did not know with certainty how to avail himself of the benefit of the act of Congress in this behalf and he would not wish to apply until he was so straightened in his circumstances that he stood in actual need of it and in pursuance of the act of Congress passed the first day of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain

persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed I have no property other than my wearing apparel that I have lived entirely upon the charity of the world and very infirm and unable to earn by my labor a living and support that my occupation is that of a farmer that I am in such indigent circumstances that I am unable to support myself without the aid of my country that my wife died on the __ day of __ 1816. That I have five children two sons & three daughters all of whom left me several years ago. I have none of my children living with me on the 18th of March 1818 I had six head of cattle high traded them for two horse beasts which were stolen from me and I have never heard of them since I had a few head of hogs which I use to support upon this is the only change that my estate has underwent.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court November 2nd 1830

S/ JR Richardson, Clerk

S/ Jesse Westmoreland

[Robert Westmoreland gave a supporting affidavit but does not state his relationship to the applicant nor does he state that he, Robert Westmoreland, actually served in the revolution with the applicant.]

State of Tennessee Fentress County: By request I attended this 15th day of April 1833 at the residence of Jesse Westmoreland in said County distant from the seat of justice in said County about fifteen miles on account of the inability of the said Jesse Westmoreland to attend Court where the said Jesse made (after being first duly sworn) the following additional declaration to the one made by him in the County Court of said County at October sessions 1832, In order [to] obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, to wit. I Jesse Westmoreland of the County of Fentress in the State of Tennessee, do hereby relinquish every other claim to a pension than the present one. The reason of affirming his old declaration made in 1830 is that it would be again impossible to obtain the evidence of his service therein contained, owing to his great infirmity, again that the statement contained in that Declaration would be more likely correct than one that he could now make, his body and mind having failed greatly since 1830 and that his name is not to his knowledge on the Pension Roll of any state or Territory.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jn. B. Rodgers, JP

S/ Jesse Westmoreland, X his mark

[Reverend Peter Reagan, a clergyman, and Levi Hinds gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file veteran died February 16, 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia service.]