

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Peak S35557

f19VA

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Jesse Peak an applicant for a pension under the several acts of Congress appeared in Court and made & subscribed the written Declaration of the time and manner of his entering into the service of the United States & made oath to the correctness of the same which ordered to be recorded and the same follows in these words to wit, On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1822 appeared Jesse Peak before the Honorable John L Bridges one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State of Kentucky especially assigned to the Circuit Court for Lincoln County in the State aforesaid in open court, the said court being by act of assembly a court of Record, receiving according to the course of the Common law and being first sworn, with the view of the perfecting his claim to a pension under the act of Congress of March 1818 stated that he is now about 58 years old; that he is now & has been constantly for the last 15 years a resident of the County of Lincoln above mentioned; that he is now & has ever been a citizen of the United States since the Declaration of Independence in the year 1776 and that the facts stated by him in his affidavit before Thomas Montgomery one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Kentucky on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1819 respecting his services, enlistment discharge &c as a Soldier in the regular Army of the United States on the Continental establishment are true; that the said affidavit is now before him and is authenticated by the certificate of Thomas Helm Clerk of the Court aforesaid with the Office seal of the said Court and follows in these words (viz.) State of Kentucky Sct. I Thomas Montgomery one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the State aforesaid particularly assigned to the Circuit Court of Lincoln County do hereby certify that on this date Jesse Peak of Lincoln County aforesaid aged about 55 years personally appeared before me and being duly sworn by me with the view of obtaining a pension according to the provisions of the Act of Congress passed in March 1818 stated that some 6 or 8 months before the battle of Guilford courthouse N. C. [March 15, 1781] he enlisted as a regular soldier in the War of the Revolution between Great Britain and the now United States of America for the Term of eighteen months, that his Captain's name he does not now recollect but his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford, but who commanded the Brigade he does not recollect; that he was in the battle of Guilford Court house aforesaid under the aforesaid enlistment. That the second day after the said Battle, he enlisted for the whole war with Captain Churchwell Jones and served in the Corps of cavalry commanded by Colonel William Washington: that he continued in the Army & faithfully performed his duties until the close of the War and was discharged in Winchester Virginia, but which discharge has been destroyed by accident. That he verily believes that he was on the Continental establishment and as he believes of the Virginia line: that he is now poor & reduced in his circumstances & really needs the aid proposed in the act of Congress before mentioned and does claim it.

I do certify further that at the same time Charlton Shockley a relation of the said Jesse

Peak, also appeared before me and being duly sworn, states that he knows that the said Jesse Peak went into the service as a soldier was a long time absent and during his absence reputed to be a regular soldier constantly. Given under my hand as one of the Judges of the circuit Courts aforesaid the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1819.

S/ Thomas Montgomery

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He states further upon his oath that he is now and has constantly since the Declaration of Independence in the year 1776 been a citizen of the United States and that he has not since the passing of the before recited act of Congress made any gift sale or conveyance or transfer of any money property rights of action or thing legal or equitable touching or relating to the realty or personalty with the view of reducing his circumstances so as to bring himself within the provisions of the before mentioned act of Congress, and that he has not at this time any money or property real, personal or mixed in possession reversion or remainder, or any rights by bond, covenant or assumpset, or any rights by apiration of law, or any money or property of any kind holden by others in trust for him other than what is mentioned in the schedule following to wit one cow & calf the value of both not exceeding the sum of \$75 – two beds & furniture worth the sum of \$40 and not more. Five hogs of about the value of \$10 and not more. That he is much afflicted with Rheumatic pains and able to perform but little labor. That his occupation has always been that of a cultivator. That he is the father of five children who have all arrived to mature years, have married and left him, that his Wife is still alive but a good deal in from of body; that he really is reduced in his circumstances, and does need the benefit of the provision proposed to be given by the before mentioned act of Congress and does hereby request the same.

S/ Jesse Peak<sup>1</sup>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Lincoln County Kentucky Sct.

Jesse Peek [sic] this day personally appeared before me H. Thurman a Justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the fore part of the year 1781 for during the war in Captain Churchwell Jones's third troop of Cavalry or Light dragoons in the third Virginia Regiment or Continental line commanded by Colonel William Washington and that he continued to serve in said service until the final ratification of peace was signed in 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged at Winchester in Virginia and through the course of time he has lost his discharge and has never received his land warrant for said services.

S/ Jesse Peak, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me H Thurman A Justice of the peace for said County and I certify that the said Jesse Peek is a credible witness on oath given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1822

S/ H. Thurman, JP

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<sup>1</sup> The handwriting of the signature is identical to the handwriting of the balance of the document and therefore I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran.

Kentucky Scott County Sct.

John Jacobs<sup>2</sup> Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he belonged to the third Troop of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Washington and that he was personally acquainted with the above named Jesse Peek & knows that said Peek did enlist for during the war and did serve to the end thereof as he has stated in his Affidavit within and that this deponent served in the same Corps with said Peek and he knows that he served as is stated within.

S/ John Jacobs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Jacobs". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Attested September 28, 1822]

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<sup>2</sup> [John Jacobs W9071](#)