

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Puryear (Preyor) S35590

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Jesse Puryear aged 64 years this 28th day of April 1818 personally appeared in the County Court of Green County and designing to take the benefit of the law of the Congress of the United States makes Oath that, in the spring of the year of 1776 he enlisted as a regular soldier in the American Continental Army and receiv'd the bounty under the continental establishment in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain for two years in the Company of Captain John Pleasant [sic: John Pleasants, company raised in Henrico County] and in the regiment of Colo. Peachy [sic: William Peachey] who was shortly after s'd. enlistment succeeded by Colo. Scott [Charles Scott (BLWt2055-850), promoted to Colonel on 7 May 1776]. S'd. enlistment took place in Virginia This affiant was of the Virginia line and 5th Virginia regiment after the said two years afs'd had nearly expired this affiant reenlisted for three years in same company, same line and same regiment, which was then commanded by Colo. Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500], Scott having been promoted in the mean time. He then served to the end of s'd. three years and was then discharged at Chesterfield Court House in Virginia. This affiant had been during a part of said three years transferred to the Company of Capt. Fitzgerald and regiment of Colo. John Nevill [BLWt595-500] and while under their command was taken prisoner in Charlestown South Carolina [12 May 1780], where he was detained two months and eight days and then affected his escape – His officers were still captives in Charlestown when this affiant was discharged by order of Colo. Davis who had authority to do so – He obtained a written discharge which he has since casually lost He is now a citizen of Green County old & infirm and from his reduced circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – This affiant was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Trentown [Trenton NJ, 26 Dec 1776], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] &c &c this affiant does not state the order in which those battles happened, but in them and others. He states farther that he is at times disabled proceeding as he believes from the hardships which he suffered while in the service aforesaid

Jesse hisXmark Puryear

Thomas Berry makes Oath that he is a neighbour to the above named Jesse Puryear He believes him to be a worthy man, and knows that he has a great while passed complained of his being disable – He has a small piece of land but is a poor man He has no one to work for him, his boys having all left him – He has living with him some girls, his daughters — [signed] Thomas Berry

DISTRICT OF Kentucky, SS.

On this 11th day of June 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Green County Court for the said district, personally appeared Jesse Puryear, or Preyor aged 65 years, resident in Green County in the said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, in addition to his former affidavit on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:” That he, the said Puryear (alias) Preyer enlisted for the term of two years in the Spring of the year 1776 in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Plesants of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peachy & afterwards Col. C. Scott in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until he was discharged from service in Chesterfield Cty state of Virginia in the year 1780 or 1781 that he was in the battles of Trentown, Brandawine, Germantown, Monmouth & Seage of Charlestown, where he was taken prisoner and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 20th day of September 1824 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record) for the County of Green Jesse Puryear resident in said County aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 the 1st May 1820 & 1st March 1823, that he the said Jesse Puryear enlisted for the time of two years in the Winter of 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Pleasant, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Peachy in the line of the State of Virginia (Peachy having shortly after resigned Colo. Charles Scott took command of said Regiment) on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corpse until the year 1777 where he reenlisted for three years in the same Regiment, which was then commanded by Colo. Davis (Scott having been promoted) that towards the close of his servitude he was detached from said Regiment & attached to Colo. John Nevils regiment in South Carolina where he was taken prisoner & remained with the British some time, from whom he made his escape & joined Colo. Davis's Regiment again in Virginia in the year (as he thinks) 1780 and continued to serve in said Corpse until he was discharged (which discharge he has lost) in the said State of Virginia. All of which will more fully appear by reference to his affidavit in the Secretary of War Office on which issued a Pension Certificate No. 12289. that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property – And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 to wit: One horse being 24 years of age, 2 Cows & Calves, one steer, stock of hogs & sheep, 1 Cupboard 1 table, two old plows, 1 wedge, one inch auger, one broken Pot and kettle, one oven, 2 hoes, 2 axes 5 lbs old pewter & set chairs – I have no money; I am owing between Five & six dollars to different persons —

I have a daughter living with me named Peggy, about 29 years of age, my wife is dead, all the rest of my children have left me. I am a cooper by trade, but owing to my many bodily infirmities & being nearly blind I have not pursued said occupation for many years & from a fall I received from a clift of rocks in 1819 I am unable to do any labour, & am utterly unable to support myself by my own labour, or with the assistance of my daughter and need the assistance of my Country for support. He further states that the reason why he has not made application at an earlier period to be restored to the pension list is that he was unable to procure the attendance of such testimony as was necessary for that purpose sooner than the present time.

Jesse hisXmark Puryear

District of Kentucky Green County Sct

On this 20th day of December 1824 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County of Green aforesaid) Jesse Puryear a resident in said County aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration (in addition to one dated 20th of September 1824 made part herewith now on the files in the Office of the Secretary of War.)

That since the [illegible word] of my first Schedule the following changes have taken place in my property towit: One Bay horse aged three years, sold to my son Jesse Puryear for Twenty eight dollars 75 cents in specie about the year 1821 or 1822, which amount he paid for me for necessaries at times as I wanted them for my support –

One Ram Sheep sold to John McCorkle last Summer for \$1.00 and two Raw hides sold to Martin Hazard in 1823 for \$2 50 Cents, all of which was applied in like manner to the purchase of sustenance for myself and family —

He [illegible word] as in his former affidavit above alluded to, that he still needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Jesse hisXmark Puryear

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

Jessee Puryear a Soldier in the Cont'l Army having served three years the term for which he was Inlisted, is hereby discharged from further service Given under my hand at Chesterf'd C House the 22^d day of Octb'r 1780

William Davies Com

Wm Quarles Es'r

Copy Edmund B Lacy C.A

I do Certify that the within mentioned Soldier was Continually in Cont'l Service from Early in 1776 till the date of this discharge. And that he has drawn no pay since the 1st of Decb'r 1779 Except what has been advanced him on acc't by the State of Virg'a.

Lipscombe Norvell

Copy Edmund B. Lacy C.A

3^d Aug't [undeciphered]

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Jesse Prier/ age 24/ height 5' 8"/ farmer/ born and residing in Henrico County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 1 Nov 1777 for 3 years. "Time expired & discharged."