

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Perry S3655

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Circuit Court for said County at August Sessions 1832

On this 18th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Circuit Court of Knox County now sitting, Jesse Perry a resident of Knox County and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-seven years and five months, 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 as a drafted militia man, at a place called the crossroads or old-well, about 8 or 10 miles from Columbia South Carolina, the year not now recollected, but he knows it was late in the fall or early in the winter season -- that he was drafted for three months, and was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain William Lang and Lieutenant Andrew Lester, which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwin, which Regiment composed a part of the Brigade commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- that shortly after his enrollment he marched with his Brigade up Broad River to disperse a body of Tories who had collected at a place called the Big survey, or Duncan's Creek -- that on the approach of said Brigade the Tories dispersed and could not be overtaken -- that the Brigade then in camp for a short time in the neighborhood of where the Tories had been collected, for the purpose of keeping them in awe -- that their camp was denominated snow camp,<sup>1</sup> from the circumstance of lay heavy snow falling while they were there -- that upon the breaking up of their camp the said Brigade retraced their route until they had recrossed Broad River, when they Brigade was disbanded, and the several companies directed to march home -- Applicant states that the three months for which he had been drafted, had not quiet expired when he reached home, though he thinks it had nearly so -- applicant states that Robert Lisle was the Major who commanded his company in this expedition -- Applicant states that some time after the campaign above mentioned, he thinks eighteen months after, a draft was made of one third of the militia of the district in which he resided, for a term of three months, for the purpose as he now believes of making an excursion against Florida -- he states that he was one of the number which was drafted from his company and rendezvoused at Colonel afterwards General Richard Winn's home Little River about 20 miles from Winnsborough -- here he with many others took the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, and was put under the command of Captain John Smith, who was under the command of Major Robert Lisle, and Colonel Robert Godwin [sic, Goodwyn or Goodwin] -- applicant states that he marched with his Regiment under the command of the said Colonel Goodwin from Winn's, the

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_snow\\_campaign.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html)

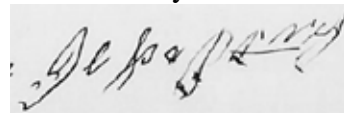
place of rendezvous, to Harbands ferry on Broad River, here the Regiment remained 2 or 3 weeks and were employed in collecting all the watercraft up and down the River, and destroying them to prevent the Tories from crossing the River. From Harbands ferry applicant with his Regiment marched to Adam Summer's about eight miles -- During the time the Regiment was stationed at Summer's applicant states that he and forty others under the command of the said Captain Smith, made an excursion to a place called Reedy River, about forty miles distant, and captured a Colonel Fletcher [sic, Fletchall] who was about collecting a company of Tories to commit some depredations upon the Whigs -- after this capture was made, applicant returned again to Summers' where he remained making preparations for the expedition to Florida until the three months for which he had been drafted had expired, when he returned home, in the place of his division was supplied by a new levy -- Applicant believes that a few days before his time expired General Sumpter arrived at Summers' and took command of the Army -- he also believes that he was enrolled in this last three months campaign some time in May, but he cannot recollect what year -- Applicant further states that some time after the last mentioned campaign, he does not recollect what year, but he thinks it was in the month of February, he was again drafted for a three months tour to go against Augusta -- he rendezvoused at East Granby on the Congaree River -- he was there placed under the command of his own Captain, John Taylor who was under the command of Colonel Joseph Kirkland -- Applicant states that he remained at East Granby nearly three weeks before the Army was ready to march -- he then marched under the command of the said Colonel Kirkland directly to Augusta, where General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] took the command of the whole force. Here the American Army lay opposite to Augusta, engaged with the enemy in frequent small skirmishes, until the British evacuated the place and moved down towards Savannah -- Applicant states that he was not engaged in any of the skirmishes about Augusta, but was under arms the whole time the American Army was there, and so remained until the three months for which he had been drafted had expired, when he returned home -- Applicant states that near about a year after the last mentioned campaign the year he does not recollect, but believes it was early in the Spring, he was again drafted for a three months tour, and went to Orangeburg where the troops had been ordered to rendezvous -- here he was put under the command of Captain James Craig, he believes William Taylor was his Major, and knows that Henry Hunter [sic, probably Lt. Col. John Hunter] was his Colonel and Richard Winn, who had been promoted, was the General and had the supreme command -- After remaining at Orangeburg 2 or 3 weeks applicant with the Army marched down to a place called the four holes situated about 40 miles above Charleston on a Creek which applicant supposes empties into the Edisto River, and which had a bridge across it -- The object of occupying this post, applicant believes, was to prevent the British, who were then in possession of Charleston, from over running the up country. At that the Army remained at the four holes until the 3 months for which he had been drafted had expired, when he was honorably discharged, and returned home -- Applicant states that during the summer or fall after he had served the last campaign which he believes was in 1781 he was again drafted for a 3 months tour for the purpose of dislodging the British from Orangeburg, which they occupied so soon as the Army had been disbanded at the four holes he states that he rendezvoused at William Howell's ferry on the Congaree River, where he was again placed under the command of Captain James Craig, and he believes William Taylor as Major, and Thomas Taylor Colonel -- at Howell's ferry General Marion [Francis Marion], and Colonel Washington [William Washington] with their forces met the Regiment in which applicant was enrolled then marched together past Orangeburg, which was too strongly defended to be taken -- the Army marched on to Bratten's Swamp along the Cyprus road to Ferguson's Swamp, and marching all one night, for the purpose of surprising the British and Tories at Moncks Corner -- Before applicant had reached the post at Moncks Corner

it had been attacked by the horse of Marion and Washington or Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee] who had gone on for that purpose and the enemy had been repulsed and the place evacuated -- After the affair at Moncks Corner applicant marched with his Regiment to Manning's ferry on the Santee River, and from there up to General Sumter's where after remaining a few days and the three months for which applicant had been drafted having expired he was honorably discharged and returned home -- A few days after his discharge, applicant states, that he moved his wife to her mother's, three miles distant, and believing that he could no longer live in security or peace at home, he took his horse and as a volunteer joined the American Army at a place called Brown's old field on the Congaree -- he enrolled himself in a company of horse commanded by Captain John Cook, who was under the command of Major Richard Hampton, and Colonel Arthur Middleton [Arthur Myddleton] -- Applicant states that he remained as a volunteer under the last mentioned officers for about one year, when hostilities had so far ceased as to render it unnecessary any longer to keep the field, during this time he was actively employed in the service of his country except 2 or 3 short periods when he obtained a short furloughs to visit his family -- during this year he was in the skirmish at the Juniper Spring [June 18, 1781],<sup>2</sup> and was usefully employed in dispersing assemblages of Tories and suppressing the outrages of the British -- Applicant further states that a short time after he left the Army, being at home, he was taken prisoner by a company of Tories under the command of Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] and by him taken to the British commander at Campden [sic, Camden], by whom he was discharged upon his parole, not again to appear in arms against his Majesty -- After this applicant left his family, and came up about 20 miles above King's Mountain, and remained there with his friends until the termination of the war -- Applicant further states that he served in the Revolutionary Army of the United States for campaigns, or very nearly as, of 3 months each, as a private drafted militia man, and one entire year as a volunteer -- Applicant states that he was born in Granville County North Carolina on the 15th of March 1755 -- that he had a record of his age in an old Bible which belonged to his father and which was burned in his Brother-in-law's house several years ago -- That he lived in Fairfield District South Carolina at the time he first entered the Army, and continued to live in the same neighborhood during the whole row the war and until about the year 1806 when he moved to Duck River in Tennessee, where he lived until about 1812, when he moved to the neighborhood in which he now lives in Knox County, Tennessee, and where he has continued to live ever since 1812 -- applicant further states that he never received any written discharge, and that he has no documentary evidence of his service -- and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services -- Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 in open Court this 18th day of August 1832

S/ Will: Swan, Clk

S/ Jesse Perry



[Peter Waggoner, a clergyman, and James McNutt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Knox County

Personally appeared before me John McMillan an Acting Justice of the Peace for said

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mydeltons\\_ambuscade.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html)

County Jesse Perry a citizen of said County aged upwards of seventy-seven years, who having been sworn according to law doth on his oath make this additional declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 – That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise periods of the Revolutionary War in which he was in service, nor can he detail the various times and incidents of his said service more particularly than he has done in the declaration to which this is an amendment, and which is hereto prefixed – he feels confident however that he was in actual service in the Revolutionary War as a private drafted militia man, more than one year and as a private volunteer, one entire year making in all two whole years for which he claims a pension – he states that the persons with whom he is acquainted in his neighborhood and who can testify to his veracity and his reputation for having performed military services in the revolutionary war are Peter Waggoner, James McNutt, Aron Armstrong, James Rogers and others –

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1833

S/ John McMullen, JP

S/ Jesse Perry

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]