

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jesse Rowe S4122

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The State of Ohio } SS
County of Fayette }

On this first day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of Fayette Court of Common pleas now sitting Jesse Rowe - a resident of Green Township - in the County of Fayette - and State of Ohio aged seventy seven years last Jan 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 7 1832 that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. SS.

He the said Jesse Rowe states that he was called into the service of the United States in Louisa County in the State of Virginia. He joined a volunteer company at Hampton on James River, commanded by Capt Charles Dabney on the 5th of September AD 1776 as a substitute for one William Boles. This company belong to the battalion command Col Samuel Meredith. The fourth Regiment of the Regulars under the command of Col [Robert] Lawson, were about this time ordered to the north from their station at Portsmouth in the said State of Virginia - and Col Meredith was ordered to march with his battalion to the s'd Portsmouth — the affiant marched under the command of Col Meredith to this place where he remained untill he was discharged on the 16 of December in the same year.

The affiant further states that about one year as nearly as he can recollect from this time, upon the appearance of some of the enemies vessels off the Capes a draft was mad by the State of Virginia for Militia he then substituted for one William True and marched to Williamsburg where he remained one month under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson and was then discharged. Sometime in the year 1778 as nearly as he can recollect the Assembly of Virginia set apart 5 Counties [Albemarle, Amherst, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Louisa] including that in which he then lived to guard some prisoners taken by General [Horatio] Gates [at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777; arrived in Virginia Jan 1779]. He was then called upon and served 40 days at Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County under the command Col. [Francis] Taylor and was then dismissed. The affiant further states that on the 19th of June 1780 he being a Militia man was ordered to march under the command of Capt. John Byers from Virginia to Hillsburrow [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina. He belonged to the 3^d Regiment of the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] of Culpeper County Virginia. They were received at this place Hillsburrow by General Gates whom the followed to the South as far as the Great Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee] River sometime in the month of July. He the said Rowe was one of 200 left at Mass Ferry [sic: Mask's Ferry or Massie's Ferry] to build a fort and guard some baggage waggons under the command of Major [Henry] Conway on the 9th of August. - After the defeat of Gates on the 16th of the same month [Battle of Camden SC] Maj. Conway returned to Hillsburrow on the March they took 7 prisoners and some tories they arrived at Hillsburrow the first of Sept then the officers told the men if they would go home they the officers would have no men to command and would therefore be discharged accordingly upon the 5th of Sept the men returned home for this they were tried by a Court Martial and acquitted May 24th 1781 he the affiant was drafted in the Militia and marched to Richmond to join the troops under Lafayette. This commander had left Richmond [27 May 1781] before their arrival. they followed and overtook him that night at a place called Brook Bridge [possibly Brock's Bridge] with him the s'd Lafayette he the affiant marched by night and day 28 days he thinks it rained every day. From the fatigues of the march and bad weather he the affiant was taken sick and returned to the hospital the Surgeon upon examination found him unfit for duty and procured him a discharge from Brigadier General Nelson the affiant was in the service at this time 40 days he served during the war 9 months and 17 days

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. I do further declare that I can not

prove my services by any person now living within my knowledge. I can prove by William Rowe my Brother, who a part of the time resided in my Fathers where I then resided, who can prove something about the services for which I claim a pension.

1 Where and in what year were you born?

The Respondent answers that he was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia AD 1755 on the 21st day January

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

The only record the affiant has of his age is contained in his family bible and was copied from his father's family bible.

3. Where were you living when called in to service where have you lived since and where do you now live?

The said Rowe answers that he lived in Louisa County Virginia when called into the service and remained there untill the AD 1808 in the fall of that year he removed to Ross County in the State of Ohio where he remained untill the spring of the year 1812 he then removed to Fayette County in the said State of Ohio where has ever since lived and now lives.

4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

For the answer to this interrogative the respondent refers to the body of his declaration where it is contained in full

5 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.

For the reply to this question he also refers to the body of his declaration

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

He the said Rowe states that he did receive a written discharge from Brigadier General Nelson at the close of his last tour but at this time does not know where it is. At all other times he was [illegible word] dismissed

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and your behavior and your services as a soldier of the Revolution. The affiant refers to James [illegible] Jacob Jameson, and James F Webster, Associate Judges of the Fayette county Court of Common pleas [signed] Jesse Rowe

NOTE: In William Rowe's supporting deposition he stated that his age was 68.