

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Obadiah Jackson S4434

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Simpson County State of Kentucky: September Term 1832 (September 10, 1832)

Personally appeared Obadiah Jackson Resident of the County & State aforesaid in Open Court aged seventy-three years the 27th of October next who being first duly sworn according to law do on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That I Obadiah Jackson enlisted in the Armagh [Army] of the United States on the 14th of February 1778 in Amealua [Amelia] County State of Virginia for the Term of Twelve Months under the command of Lieutenant Coobs [probably John Cobbs] and March [marched] to Valley Forge where we joined the main Armagh under Captain James Upshear [probably James Upshaw] in the 2nd Virginia Regiment. Then in consequence of deaths & relaxation in the Different Company, I was attached to Captain Taylor's Company in the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Febeggar [probably Christian Febiger] and was discharged by him after serving a little Over Twelve Months in March 1779 I think at Middle Brook [Middlebrook].

The Second tower [tour] of Duty I believe I substituted and went in the place of my Father who was drafted in the Militia service under Captain Mumford [probably Edward Mumford] and marched from Amelia Court House towards Williamsburg but cannot recollect at present nothing more about said tower But was discharged or permitted to return home I believe the next tower of Duty I was drafted for a tower of three months under the Command of William Watson Captain but my time of service and weather [whether] I was attached to any Regiment or not or my marches I do not recollect at this time. The fourth tower I was drafted and went under Captain William Cradoc [William Craddock] & marched to Petersburg from thence to Cabin Point we joined the Army – Commanded by Colonel Miniweathers [probably Thomas Meriwether] and I further recollect while we lay there an Express arrived for us to meet the Enemy – we marched Down James River some distance But not meeting the Enemy we March [marched] Back to Cabin Point and Lay till discharged about 80 or ninety miles from home I returned home by Petersburg. The fifth and last tower I volunteered in the horse service for a tower of six weeks under Edward Walker Captain & marched up James River to the point of fork where I was permitted to return home to get some Clothing clean I did not want to return and substituted James Brooks to fill my place lent him my horse and Saddle and he was taken by the British and exchanged my Lieutenant was Richard Towers. This is my present recollection of Events after so long Elapse of time I may have Erd [erred] But is to the best of my recollection. I further declare my house was Burnt and my Discharges and all papers relative to my service in the County of Davidson Tennessee and have lately moved to Simpson County Kentucky my

present place of Residence. Therefore it will be somewhat inconvenient to procure Further Evidence of my Services – and Expensive with all.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court This the day and Date first written and after relinquishing any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on any Pension Roll of the Agency of Any State Whatsoever.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Obadiah Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "O".

[Isaac Steele, a clergyman, and George Kirk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me Moses McCarley a Justice of the peace for Robertson County State of Tennessee Obadiah Jackson of Simpson County Kentucky deposed & saith he who was a private of Cavalry and for service in the Army of the Revolution received a pension Certificate No 1644 Drawing \$45.80 per annum dated the 8 of November which will more fully appear by being what I enclosed in this application and fully believing my Time of service not fully ascertained from my former application not knowing it was to be so Justly ascertained Therefore I Solemnly declare to the Best of my Knowledge & belief I served not less than fifteen months in five Towers of Duty in the foot and Cavalry putting or adding all my towers together viz. one year & three months. Now I further pray to be placed on the pension Roll at Nashville Tennessee and stricken off from any other as that will be the nearest pension office to my place of Residence. Direct my pension papers to Springfield Robertson County West Tennessee. In addition I further declare I have never been placed on no pension office in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed this the 27th of April in the year of our Lord 1833 before me Moses McCarley a Justice of the peace for said County

S/ Obadiah Jackson

[Veteran was originally pensioned at the rate of \$45.80 per annum , increased to \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for thirteen months and twelve days as a private of Cavalry in the Virginia service.]