

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Kisner (Kesner) S45886

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State of Tennessee Gibson County:

On this 18th day of June 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Gibson County Jacob Kisner a resident of Gibson County and State of Tennessee aged Seventy years the 6th day of May last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. States that he volunteered in the service of the United States in the month of March 1779 and served nine months in the State of Virginia against the Shaun Indians [probably Shawnee Indians] No. of Regiment not recollected and says he served as a private in the Virginia volunteer line under the following named officers under Captain John Ben Bever [?] agreeable to order of Colonel Preston and Major James Henderson as he believes and left the Service in the month of December 1779 and that he resided in Green Brier [Greenbrier] now Monroe County in the said State of Virginia, that he first marched from Ben Bevers ford to the part of Virginia known by the name of the Wilderness and continued scouting through the Wilderness to keep of [off] the Indians during said tower [tour] of nine months, he states that he was engaged in a skirmish with the Indians on Greenbrier River in said State of Virginia and that he was drafted in the last of February in the year 1781 in the service of the United States and entered the service under Colonel Preston, Major Quirk and Captain Andrew Hamilton of the Militia of the State of Virginia at Burnside's Station in Greenbrier County and march[ed] from there to what is now called Kentucky to join General Clark [George Rogers Clark] at the falls of the Ohio to go to Neworleans [New Orleans] to assist the French agreeable to order of General Washington but peace being declared was disbanded in the now State of Kentucky and from there march[ed] home the last of May 1781 to Greenbrier County Virginia after serving a tower of three months the last and he also states that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit during either of said powers of service.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thos. Fite, Clk

S/ Jacob Kisner, X his mark

[Benjamin P. Tyson gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[David Crockett of Gibson County Tennessee gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Pennsylvania in the year 1763

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

Answer. I have but it's in possession of my Brother in Virginia

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived when called into service in Greenbrier County Virginia. Since the revolution I have lived in Kentucky. I now live in Gibson County Tennessee

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

Answer. I volunteered the first 9 months Tower and was drafted the 2nd Tower of 3 months.

5th 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.

Answer. There was no regular officers with the troops the first 9 months tower. The No. of regiments &c not recollect, the circumstances of my service are stated in the declaration

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

Answer. I never received a discharge.

The persons in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my veracity & integrity are James McNeely, John Dickson, Arthur Rogers

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]