

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Waller S4719

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State of Ohio Morgan County: On this 29th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio for Morgan County aforesaid Jesse Waller aged seventy-three years 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated he was drafted [several words written over and indecipherable] into the Service about the first of August A.D. 1778 rendezvousing at Martinsburg in Berkeley County Virginia five companies of us under the command of Captains Worthington [perhaps Ephraim Worthington] Lyle Swearingen [perhaps Josiah Swearingen] Noble [perhaps Anthony Noble] Ambrouse [Ambrose?] marching through Virginia crossed the Potomac River wading it about four miles below old tiron [? town?] first below the junction of the North and South branch then to the old Town in Maryland and thence to Cumberland thence through to foot of Allegheny Mountain where Captain Noble and Lieutenant Garrison were broke at the same place Colonel Morrow selected all those who had rifles in the five companies and formed them into one company calling them light infantry & placing them under the command of Captain Swearingen and left the others under the command of Captains Worthington Lyle & Ambrouse we then proceeded to the mouth of Big Beaver & there built a Fort & was there attached to the regulars calling the Fort McIntosh & after the Fort was built and nearly finished the main body of the Army went to the Tuscaroras to build a Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] and my officers went with them there but I was left among some others to finish and take care of Fort mackintosh under the command of Colonel Campbell who belonged to the regular service I remained at Fort McIntosh 2 about the first of February 1779 when my tour of service having expired Colonel Campbell gave a written furlough so that I could [word written over and indecipherable] home as no person could travel at them times without one telling me that when I got home to give my furlough to my Captain. I got home about the last of February when I immediately took my furlough to my Captain who had got home before me who gave me a written discharge which I placed with my father's papers which was the last that I recollect of seeing it. I was living in Berkley [Berkeley] Virginia at the time I entered the service and after the war I returned there where I remained about 5 years from thence I removed to Hampshire County Virginia where I lived about ten years then I moved to this County Virginia where I lived about two years and then I moved into the North Western territory on Captina Creek now Belmont County State of Ohio where I lived nine years when I moved to Wills Creek in Guernsey County where I lived 9 years longer when I moved to Olive Green my present residence where I have lived about fifteen years.

Questions propounded by the Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia 1759

question 2nd Have you any record of your age

Answer not any

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I was living in Berkeley County Virginia my native County after I returned to Berkeley County Virginia & from there I moved to Hampshire County & from there to Ohio County Virginia and from [their] to Captina Creek in the North Western territory now Belmont County Ohio & from there to Wills Creek in Guernsey County & from there to my present residence in Morgan County of Ohio Olive Green Township

Question for How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if [so] for home

Answer I was drafted

Question 5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer General Broadhead [probably a reference to Daniel Brodhead], General McIntosh, Colonel Campbell & Captain Swearingen the 13th Virginia Regiment of regulars Major Scott Adjutant Carl [?] & Quarter master Lindar of Virginia militia

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so from whom & what has become of it

Answer I [several words written over and indecipherable] my father's papers and I know not what became of it I received one signed by Captain Worthington

Question 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I am known to Jacob Jordan and John Low & Elias W Raney in my present neighborhood but I know of no one by whom I can prove my services.

S/Jesse Waller, X his mark

[John Low, Jacob Jordan and Elias Reaney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]