

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Field Jarvis S5606

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State of Virginia }
Monroe County } SS.

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Monroe Field Jarvice a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 76 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 in 1776. That he Volunteered in the militia as a soldier and served three months at the lead mines [near Fort Chiswell] in Wythe County Virginia under Capt. Wm. Leftwich and Lieut. Stephen Saunders to prevent the Indians and Tories from takeing the mines. At the time he volunteered to go to the Lead mines he lived in Bedford County Va. and was discharged about the first of March 1777 by Col. Ennis which discharge he has long since lost. He was born in Westmoreland County Va. He left Westmoreland County in October 1773 when he was about 17 years & moved to Bedford County Va. He volunteered a second time from Bedford County for three months in Sept 1777 under Capt. John Tolbert and Lieut Arthur Mosely [or Moseley] and Ensign Edmund Tate and was marched through Prince Edward Buckingham Cumberland & Powhatan Counties by Richmond to Williamsburg, where he remained a short time and marched to little york, where he served his time out - was marched back to Williamsburg and discharged by Col Thompson Mason which discharge he brought home, but does not recollect what he did with it. From Bedford he removed to Botetourt County in 1781, which is now the County of Monroe where he has resided ever since and does now reside. Before he left Bedford in 1779 he was called on by Col James Callaway of Bedford Va. to aid in guarding the prisoners taken at Tarleton's defeat [Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] by Col [William] Washington] and Gen. [Daniel] Morgan, at New London in Bedford County VA [now in Campbell County] & from that place to Lynchburg Va; he was in this service ten days. He has frequently seen a record of his age in his fathers family bible, and his age was also recorded in his uncles bible, but he does not know what has become of them. Having so often seen the register of his age in his father's bible that he distinctly recollects that it was there stated that he was born the 25th day of April 1756 and as he was afterwards informed in the County of Westmoreland. He has forgotten the continental regiments or companies with which he served his last three months tour, and the names of the regular officers. He has no documentary or other evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He 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.

[signed] Field Jarvis

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

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this old man lived distant some forty miles from any of his brother Pensioners. haveing ascertained from several Gentlemen that he was a man of good character and that the opinion of those who know him was decidedly in favour of his right to a Pension I deemed it unnecessary to call and see him.

Samuel Clark a Gentleman of character stated to me that he had known Jarvis for 40 yrs - that in their early acquaintance, he had often heard Jarvis speak of his revolutionary services - believes that he served at least 6 mo.

W. G Singleton Oct 13, 1835.