

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Joiner S7090

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 18th day of February in the year 1840, Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for said County, Thomas Joiner, a resident of said County aged Seventy-four years and being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States a common Soldier in the Militia of North Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit he was drafted in Johnston County North Carolina about the age of 16 years in the year 1779 as near as now recollected and served the term of three months in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Phillip Thomas, that he marched to Martinsburg on the Cape Fear River from thence to the mouth of Rocky River the Pee Dee [Pedee River], from thence to a camp near Hillsboro in Orange County -- and from thence to Fayetteville remaining a short time at each place, and was discharged at the latter place. Major Dennis [William Dennis], Colonel Lincoln [?] and General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] were the principal officers in command during this tour of service.

About six months after his return from this first Tour of Military service he hired as a substitute for James Keneday [James Kennedy?] in a troop of Cavalry under the Command of Captain John Trent which Company was employed in scouting parties, almost constantly moving and traversing the country, acting against the Tories and was once stationed at Fayetteville for a few days. This term of service was for three months at the end of which time he was discharged.

After about twelve months, he was again drafted in the Militia in Johnston County -- a foot Soldier in a company commanded a Captain __ Griffin [Edmund Griffin] in the Regiment of Colonel Needham Bryan and marched to Wilmington, and remained there for three months in the year 1781 where he was taken ill with the Small Pox and was sent home about the time of the surrender of Earl Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] making the whole of his military service in the Revolutionary war, the period of nine months.

He has preserved no written discharges, nor any documentary evidence of his military service nor has he any record of his age but believes he was born in Johnston County in the year 1765 where he resided until the year 1814 when he removed to Cabarrus County and in 1817 removed to Mecklenburg County where he has resided ever since. That he knows of no living witness by which he can prove his military service, but relies only certificate of William Alexander & Evan Alexander his present neighbors, who can testify to his reputation and

veracity -- that there is no clergyman in reach of the Court who is well acquainted with him so that he cannot procure the certificate of one -- that some years past he procured a declaration to be drawn up and leaving it in the custody of a clerk of Court to be certified and sealed it was mislaid or lost, and this is the cause of delay in presenting the present one.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Joiner, X his mark

[Evan Alexander and William Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit read]

[p 32: On April 26, 1842 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, the veteran then stating his age as 76 made application under the 1832 act pursuant to a declaration almost word for word identical to his earlier declaration. It is not clear from the documents in the file why this additional declaration was required. David Kerr and John Flow gave the standard supporting affidavit for this application.]

[p 4: On December 8, 1851, in Mecklenburg County, Sarah Saunders, filed saying she is the daughter of Thomas Joiner, deceased, a pensioner; that she understands his pension should have been increased and she files seeking to obtain any payments due her father.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died May 22, 1845 survived only by his daughter, Sarah Sanders or Saunders.]

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