

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jeremiah Pope S7333

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County

On this the 22nd day of May AD 1833 personally appeared before me, William J. Stevens, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Jeremiah Pope, a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged 84 years the eighth of January 1833, 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.

1st: In a company of Duplin [County] Minute men under the command of Captain Richard C. Clinton, Patrick Stewart, Lieutenant, Clifford Bowen, Ensign, Jesse Durden [?] Sergeant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lillington, his other officers he forgets, in the fall of the year 1775 and served 3 months as a private; that when he entered the service he resided in Duplin [County] now Sampson County North Carolina near where Clinton now is; that entering this service was called enlisting as Captain Clinton gave a bounty to the soldiers; that he was in the battle at Moore's Creek Bridge in February 1776; that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House and marched to Wilmington; thence into Brunswick County below Lockwood's folly; then back to Wilmington; thence down on the sound below Wilmington opposite where some British vessels lay in the River; thence back to Wilmington; thence to Moore's Creek Bridge; thence home and remained a fortnight & was then ordered out and marched to Wilmington and remained until he served the three months out for which he enlisted and was discharged; that he served with no Continental troops or regiments in this service; that he has no documentary evidence having lost the discharge which Captain Clinton gave me and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service unless William Pridgeon is alive.

2ndly: In a company of Duplin militia under the command of Captain James Love, Charles Cogdell Lieutenant, Warren Blount, Sergeant in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Axum, his general was Richard Caswell, his other officers he forgets, in the spring of the year 1778 [sic, 1780] and served six months as a private; that he was drafted; that he was in the battle near Camden; Gates' [Horatio Gates'] defeat [Battle of Camden], he thinks in August; that Baron DeKalb was killed; that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House and marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville; thence up the country to Hillsboro and Salisbury and on further up to the mountains to the Shallow

Ford on the Yadkin [River]; thence for South Carolina to Cheraw Hills; thence on for Camden where the enemy were encamped; that he joined General Gates' Army in South Carolina; after Gates' defeat [he retreated] to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina; thence to Duplin where his company again collected and marched into South Carolina on Pee Dee [River] where he and his company took 20 of the enemy prisoners; thence with the prisoners to Duplin County and thence to New Bern where the prisoners were put in jail; and where he was discharged by Captain James Love; that he served with Continental troops under General Gates; that the regular officers he knew were General Gates, Joseph Rhodes and Curtis Ivey; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

Answers of Jeremiah Pope the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by William J. Stevens, the Justice of the Peace aforesaid as prescribed by the War Department:

1st: I was born in Halifax County North Carolina on Roanoke [River] the eighth of January 1749.

2nd: I have no record of my age.

3rd: when called into service I was living in Duplin, now Sampson County North Carolina; since the revolutionary war I have constantly lived in Duplin, now Sampson County, & I now live there.

4th: I was first enlisted; then drafted.

5th: General Gates & Baron DeKalb were at South Carolina where I served I recollect General Gates' Army; the militia regiments, I remember were Colonel Lillington's & Colonel Axum's. The general circumstances of my service are related above.

6th: I received two discharges, one from Clinton; one from Captain Love which I have lost.

7th: John Boykin, Owen Riche, James Shell, Hardy Shell, Solomon Boykin, William J. Stevens, Esq. & others I could name.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/Jeremiah Pope, X. his Mark

Test: S/ William J. Stevens, J. P.

[John Boykin and Owen Riche gave the standard supporting affidavit.]