

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jesse Swinson: S7670

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Editorial method: I've added some commas and semicolons to the original. Some personal names are obscured; refer to the original if a name appears doubtful.

State of North Carolina  
Duplin County

Superior Court of Law  
Fall Term 1832

On this the twenty sixth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before Robert Strange, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law for the State aforesaid now sitting, Jesse Swinson, a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina, aged seventy three years last spring, 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 & served as herein stated viz, under Captain James Gillespie, Hardy [?, first name written over] Holmes 1st Lieutenant, John Beck 2nd, in a regiment commanded by Col. Sheppard; that Stephen Cobb was commissary; that he cannot recollect who his other officers were; entered in the month of December 1779 or January 1780 and left this was the last of March or 1st of April 1780; that he volunteered for three months; that when he entered the service he resided in Duplin County N.C.; that he was in no battle either in this or any other tour that he served; that his marches in this tour of service were from Duplin old Court House to Cross Creek [Fayetteville] in Cumberland County, from thence to Camden in S.C., from thence he marched back home; that he served with no continental regiments or companies in this term of service or in any other; that the regular officers he knew were Joseph Rhodes, Captain \_\_\_\_ [dash in original] Tatom, Andson [?] Hart, & Curtis Ivey; that he has no documentary evidence to show his service on this tour; that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service during this term of service; & that he was a musician in this tour. \*

That he entered the service again under the command of Captain Thomas Page and he thinks \_\_\_\_ [dash in original] Hart was Lieutenant; that he forgets his other officers; that his company was commanded by no Colonel, or belonged to no regiments in August 1780 and left this tour the 12th November 1780; that when he entered the service under Capt. Page he lived in Duplin County; that he was drafted for three months; that he marched from Cross Creek [Fayetteville] in Cumberland County, where he rendezvoused, to Big Pedee opposite Cheraw [S.C.]; that some Tories were taken prisoners in the neighbourhood of Cheraw, and this applicant was detached as one of the guard, to guard those prisoners to Newbern [New Bern, N.C.] under the command of Captain James Love; that after he had served awhile under Capt. Page he exchanged places with a soldier under Capt. James Love by the name of Hart, and finished this tour under Captain Love, and was discharged by Capt. Love at Newbern [New Bern] on the 12th November 1780 as appears by a discharge which this applicant has, and further, that after he marched into South Carolina he was attached to a regiment or brigade commanded by Genl Harrington. [Perhaps Brigader General Henry William Harrington.]

\* [footnote at bottom of page 2]: Before he served this first mentioned tour he performed two short tours, both amounting to five weeks, under Capt. Charles Ward.

That he entered the service again under the command of a Captain whose name this applicant cannot possibly recollect, because he supposes, he was so little acquainted in Franklin County where he then resided for a short period; neither can he recollect his other company officers; that he was in a regiment commanded by Col. Linton, Joel Wrenn a Major; that he entered this tour in April 1781 and left it the 25th July 1781 as his discharge shows; that he was drafted for three months, that while in this tour his marches were through Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Dobbs (so called then), Duplin & Johnston Counties, N.C. and again through Edgecombe, Nash & into Halifax County in which he was discharged at Col. Longs.

That he entered the service another tour under Capt. \_\_\_\_ [dash in original] Tatom, Andrew Hart Lieutenant, Owen Harriss Ensign, in a regiment commanded by Col. Linton, in August 1781 and left November 21st 1781 as appears by his discharge; that when he entered this tour he resided in Franklin County, N.C.; that he was hired as a substitute by Frederick Jones; that in this tour his marches were through Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, & Dobbs (then), Duplin, New Hanover, Bladen & Cumberland counties, and into Johnston where he was discharged, as his discharge will show.

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 aforesaid Before me in open Court.

Jul. Barfall[?] clk

Jesse Swinson

Answers to questions propounded to Jesse Swinson the aforesaid applicant by the said Court.

I was born in Martin [?, name written over] County N.C. in 1759.

I have no record of my age.

I lived, when I entered my respective tours of service, as stated in my declaration; since the Revolutionary war I've lived in Duplin County at the same place I now live.

I entered service as stated in my declaration. Capt. Tatom & Lieutenant Hart under whom I served had been regular officers; I served with no others or no others were with the troops[?] where I served as I recollect. I recollect no continental regiments & the militia regiments I remember were Col. Butler's, Col. Rutledge's, Col. Kenan's, Col. Linton's and Genl. Harrington's.

While he was under Capt. Ward in a short tour of three weeks he marched to Old Town Creek in Brunswick County about 1778 and at that time the enemy were in Cape Fear River opposite that place on board vessels and fired bombs at some of our men. Just before I entered that service I served in which I can't recollect my Captain, Cornwallis & his army passed through

Duplin, Dobbs, Edgecombe and Halifax Counties towards Virginia. I know no general circumstances worth stating that I have not stated.

I have discharges from three terms. I received no discharge when I quit the service under Capt. Gillespie, or my short tours under Capt. Ward.

The persons I am acquainted with in my neighbourhood are John Watkins, Esquire, Stephen Jones, Edward Wardens, & many others I could mention; there is no clergyman in my neighborhood but I am somewhat acquainted with Parson Saml Stanford.