

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Todhunter S7746

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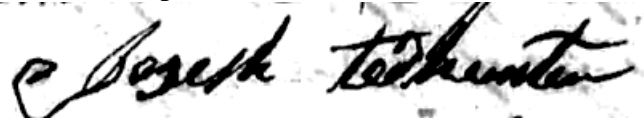
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The State of Ohio Hamilton County: SS

On this thirtieth [could be thirteenth] day of August 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for said County now sitting Joseph Todhunter a resident of said County aged seventy-two 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 provision 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 viz. Captain John McGirth [perhaps John McGeach] Lieutenant William Mason Ensign Richard Mercer field officers General Mason Colonel Josiah Clapham [Josias Clapham] Major Waggoner in Loudon [Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia in the year 1778 and was ordered to guard the Factory and magazine of arms & ammunition of Colonel Josiah Clapham in said Loudoun County and remained there two months and was discharged and again entered the service in the month of September in the same year at the place aforesaid under the same officers and was detached with a part of his company to guard General Green's baggage wagons from Loudoun County Virginia to the line of North Carolina under the command of Sergeant Hopkins and after this duty was performed was again discharged having served two months – and again entered the service in the spring of the following year in Loudoun County aforesaid under the same officers and was marched to George Town and Alexandria to prevent the British from effecting a land and who had sailed up the bay as it was supposed for that purpose and was kept there four months and was again discharged and again entered the service under the same officers in Loudoun County aforesaid under the same officers and was marched to Frederick Town Maryland to guard the prisoners of General Burgoyne and remained there two months and was again discharged and again entered the service in the spring of the following year in Loudoun County aforesaid under Captain Rattican [sic ?] and the above named officers and marched to Norfolk and Williamsburg and was present at the battle at Williamsburg and was there performing military duty three months and was again discharged and again entered the service in Loudoun County aforesaid under Captain McGeth [sic] and the other officers before mentioned and marched to Little York at the mouth of James River the line dividing North Carolina from Virginia and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781] and after the surrender detached to guard the prisoners to Winchester Barracks he served during this tour six months and was discharged making his whole term of service for which he claims a pension twenty months – that he has no documentary 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.

S/ Joseph Todhunter



Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ Daniel Gano, Clerk

[William Burke, a clergyman, and Thomas Todhunter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to Interrogatories put by the Court as prescribed by the war Department

1. I was born in Chester County Pennsylvania in the year 1762.
2. I have no Record of my age
3. When called into service I resided in Loudoun County Virginia since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the States of Virginia Tennessee Kentucky and Ohio where I now reside.
4. When I entered the service I was always drafted
5. General Mason General Lee General Stephens [Edward Stephens] were with the troops where I served the general circumstances of my service is stated in the body of my declaration
6. I always received a written discharge which has long since been lost
7. I am known in my present neighborhood to Hankinson Bywalters Hon. John Burgoyne, Joseph Burgoyne Esquire, Evan Todhunter, John W Coleman, John Jaquess.

S/ Joseph Todhunter

The State of Ohio city of Cincinnati: SS

Before me the undersigned Mayor of said City personally appeared Joseph Todhunter the person named in the annexed declaration who after having been duly sworn according to law makes the following statement as an amendment to his said declaration. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 in Loudoun County Virginia 2 1/2 miles from the Potomac River, south near the main road from Philadelphia to Charlestown between Knowlens ferry and Leesburgh under Captain John McGeth Lieutenant William Mason and Ensign Richard Mercer General Mason Colonel Clapham and Major Waggoner had the command of the Regiment – and was marched to the factory owned by Colonel Clapham situated in said Loudoun County about 1 1/2 miles from the place where I entered the service, North. In which factory public arms was made I know this fact from the circumstance that myself and others drew our arms from there: the object for which we were taken there was to guard and protect the place and the public property from the invasion of the British and Tories who were at that time at or near Alexandria and after having remained at that place without meeting an attack for two months was discharged – And again entered the service in the month of September in the same year at the place above described under the officers aforesaid and after having been mustered a part of the Company including myself was attached to guard the baggage wagons belonging to General Green's Army under Sergeant Hopkins the reason why a guard was taken from our company to perform said duty the former guard had been discharged upon arriving at the Potomac – and it became necessary [to] have a new one – and having performed that duty from the place above described to the line of North Carolina on James River was discharged having served two months and again returned home. And again entered the service in the spring of the following year at the place first above described under the officers aforesaid and marched to George Town and from there to Alexandria before that time called Bell Haven [Belhaven?] – to prevent the English fleet which had sailed up the Bay from effecting a landing. I was drafted for this service in the first instance but for two months, but owing to the maneuvering of the British fleet which

frequently sailed into the Harbor of Alexandria and showed a disposition to land – and then bore away and continued to act in this manner until the end of service when our officers considered it unsafe to leave the place & insisted on our remaining two months longer which after consultation we agreed to and remained two months longer – making in this service four months. And again entered the service in two or three months thereafter at the place first above stated under the officers aforesaid and marched to Frederick Town Maryland which was about eleven miles from the place where I entered the service after arriving there our company together with two other troops then there were ordered to guard the prisoners taken with General Burgoyne and remained there in that service for two months and was again discharged. And again entered the service in the spring of the following year at the place aforesaid under Captain Rattican and the other officers above named and marched to Norfolk and Williamsburg and was engaged in the battle of Williamsburg and remained there some time after the battle making in this tour three months and was again discharged – And again entered the service under Captain Geth and the aforesaid officers and marched to Little York at the mouth of James River on the line dividing North Carolina from Virginia and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and remained there until the prisoners were marched to Winchester Barracks – were [where] his three months expired but on account of scarcity of troops & the persuasion of the officers he was induced to remain there three months longer guarding the prisoners making this term of service six months.

And further deponent saith not.

S/ Joseph Todhunter

not
Joseph Todhunter

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13th day of September A.D. 1834

S/ [indecipherable signature]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and two months in the Virginia militia.]