

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Ashby S8039

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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

On this 22nd day of November Eighteen hundred and Forty Four, 1844, personally appeared before me John S. Pleasants one of the acting magistrates and a member of the County Court for the County aforesaid (it being a Court of Record) Joseph Ashby a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty Five 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 7, 1832.

First Tour

That he was drafted into the Militia Service of the United States from Halifax County, and State of Virginia, to the very best of his recollection about the month of April or May in the year 1780; That he was at that time a resident of the aforesaid County and States that he belonged to the Second Regiment of the Virginia Militia, and served as a private soldier Six months on this Tour under the Command of Capt Paul Watlington of the aforesaid County and state under whom he marched from the aforesaid County, crossing Dan River at Irvins Ferry, Thence to Hillsborough in the state of North Carolina, where he was stationed for some considerable time, thence to Camden in the state of South Carolina, where he was engaged in the Battle some time during the month of August [16th] of the year 1780; as well as I can recollect Gen'l [Edward] Stevens commanded the Virginia Militia, [Robert] Lawson was the Col who Commanded Va Militia after having served the above named Tour of Six months I received a regular discharge which has been lost or mislaid.

Second Tour

I was draughted on my Second Tour for the Term of Three months, as a private soldier in the Militia Service and marched from Halifax County and State of Virginia under the Command of Capt Michael Robards and Col Rogers Commanded, to Yorktown, as well as my memory serves me about the last of August or the First of September in the year 1781, where I remained untill after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]

That he received a regular discharge for his services on this second Tour which has been lost or mislaid

My reason for not applying for a pension before the present date is that I knew of no testimony by which my services could be Established untill the recent return of Mr James Cassaday [pension application S8176] to this Country; him and myself being brother soldiers in the war of the Revolution, his affidavit accompanying this declaration which I have taken at my earliest convenience

That he was born in the County of Halifax and state of Virginia on or about the year [blank] he has no record of his age. that when called into service he was a resident of the County of Halifax Va. He is now verry old and infirm and incapable of supporting himself by manuel labour, and also unable to attend the county Court of Halifax in order to make the foregoing declaration. That there is no minister of the Gospel known to him in his imeadiate neighbourhood, with whom he has been acquainted a sufficient length of time to justify his applying to for a certificate. That he has no documentary evidence in his possession. That he was not employed in civil pursuit but that he was in the actual military service of his country.

He hereby relinquishes his 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

Joseph hisXmark Ashby

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to Wit:

I do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with Joseph Ashby of Halifax County and State of Va during the Revolutionary War and that I served two Tours with him, the first tour that I served with him was for the term of six months under the command of Capt Paul Watlington of the aforesaid County of Halifax and State, under whom we marched from said County to

Camden in the State of South Carolina where we were engaged in the battle and the americans were defeated under the Command of Genl Gates; the second Tour that I served with him was of three months duration under the command of Capt Michael Roberds Col Rogers Commanding; under whom we marched to Yorktown. We belonged to the second regiment of the Virginia Militia; I know that he served both of those Tours faithfully and was honourably discharged; I am now about 85 years old. Given under my hand this 21st day of November 1844

James hisXmark Cassaday