

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jesse Bean S8067

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State of North Carolina } S.S.  
County of Moore }

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1834 personally appeared in open court before Charles Chalmers Cornelius Dunlap & S. C. Bruce the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the aforesaid county of Moore now sitting Jesse Bean a resident of the County of Moore State of North Carolina aged about Seventy eight years or upwards 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated —

That some time about the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1780 as near as he can now ascertain he entered the service as a Volunteer and as a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia for three months under Captain Buckner Kimbro [or Kimbrough].

That he joined the troops under said Capt Kimbro in the County of Montgomery North Carolina where he then resided. That they then marched towards South Carolina and joined Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford and his troops somewhere upon Pee Dee River.

That they were then marched under General Rutherford toward Camden in South Carolina and in a few days joined Gen'l. Gates' [Horatio Gates's] Army. That they then continued their march toward Camden until about the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of August when it was ascertained that the British army was at hand and that a general engagement would soon ensue. That at this time Capt Kimbro and his company were ordered to take the prisoners who were then in possession of the American army and some waggon loads of surplus guns and carry them immediately to a certain mill about one mile below Cheraw Hill on the south side of Pee Dee River. That he the said Jesse Bean, together with his said Captain & the rest of his company immediately repaired to the aforesaid mill with the prisoners and surplus arms where they remained but a few days when an express as he understood it to be arrived in great haste and informed Capt Kimbro that Gen'l. Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. The said Captain immediately marched his company (carrying with them the prisoners and surplus guns of which they had charge) to Cheraw Hill where they crossed the River. That they here saw a number of Gen'l. Gates troops crossing the River and making their way in much haste and in utter confusion towards North Carolina. That Capt. Kimbro and his company here sunk into the River a part of the surplus guns in their possession and deposited the rest in an old wast[?] house, and then proceeded up the river on the north side to Haleys Ferry [in NC between Anson and Richmond counties]. At this place they received intelligence that the British army had retired to Camden and they then stayed at this place some days, he thinks as much as eight or ten days, but as they got no intelligence where the dispersed army were to collect, nor any orders where to go or what to do, he the said Jesse Bean was marched by his said Captain in to the County of Montgomery North Carolina, where he then resided and the said company was disbanded by the Captain until further orders. That he the said Jesse Bean then went home where he remained but a short time (he does not now recollect distinctly but thinks it was but a few days when he was again called upon by his said Captain Kimbro to [illegible word] into the service. That he immediately went. That he was then placed under Captain Harris & Lieutenant Jonathan Riggins.

That he was not then attached to the army but was put to driving Beef Cattle from the lower part of the State of North Carolina to the Army. That in this pursuit he was constantly and arduously engaged under Capt Harris until he had filled out the full portion of the three months term for which he entered the service and which he was serving at the time of Gates's defeat, and was accordingly set at liberty by his officers. The precise time at which he was then discharged he cannot now recollect, but from the best recollection which he has upon the subject and from the best calculation which he can possibly make he believes it was on or near the first of November 1780. He does not now recollect whether he received any written discharge

for this service or not and if he did he has no recollection what became of it  
That some time about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1780 as near as he can te[ll] he again entered the service as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he entered the service as a Volunteer, as a private soldier in the North Carolina Malitia for a tower of six months under Captain James Crump and Lieutenant Jonathan Riggins. That they Rendezvoused in the neighbourhood where Capt Crump resided in the County of Montgomery, state of North Carolina. That they then marched to & fro in various directions, which it would be impossible for him now to describe, through the Counties of Montgomery, Randolph, Cumberland (a part of which is now Moore), Richmond and he thinks a part of Anson, in constant persuit of the Tories who were very numerous in many parts of those Counties, and who were constantly murdering plundering and in various ways annoying and distressing the good citizens of the Country. That he, together with his said Captain & Lieutenant and the rest of their company were constantly [illegible word] in persuit of those enemies to their country during the whole period of this term of service and altho he sometimes passed immediately through his own neighbourhood, such was the ardor of their persuit and such the perilous condition of the good citizens of the country that he was not permitted to stay at home but one night during this whole period of his servitude.

That they had no general engagement with the Tories who were imbodied but that a number were killed by them, and he feels to hazzard nothing in saying that their unceasing exertions through the aforesaid country relieved the citizens from much distress and shielded them from many incroachments and cruelties which they otherwise would have sufferd.

That he thinks this tower of six months was ended and that he was discharged about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1782 as near as he can remember That when this tower of six months was ended he received of the said Captain Crump a certificate of his services or some such instrument of writing, but what became of this instrument of writing he is not positif, but his impression is that an uncle of his got it but upon what terms he does not now know.

That when he entered upon the last named tower of six months, as well as when he entered upon the former named tower of three months he resided in the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina; That he has no documentary evidence whatever to prove his services in either of the aforesaid towers. That while serving the last named tower of six months, he was associated with Joshua Hurley [pension application S7053] who served with him and who is the only person living that he now knows of who did serve with him or by whom he can prove his services only that he was seen by others performing duty as a soldier.

The said Jesse Bean further states, that from the great lapse of time and the imperfection of his memory he cannot be positif as to the precise times of entering and leaving the service, but that the dates set forth in the above declaration are as near correct as it is possible for him to make them from the best of his recollection and the best calculation he is able to make

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 whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Jess hisXmark Bean Sen'r.

The following Questions were propounded by the Court (to wit)

1 Qt. Where and in what year were were you born

A. I have been told that I was born at a place called Hico [probably near Hyc0 River in NC] some where on the way as my father was removing from the City of Washington to the County of Montgomery in the State of North Carolina. That soon after my birth as I have been told my father continued his journey on to the aforesaid county of Montgomery where he resided untill after the Revolutionary war. I have no criterion by which to know my age exactly but from the best information I can get I think I was born in the year 1757 or 1758.

2. Qt. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

A. I have none

3<sup>d</sup> Qt. Where did you live when called into service, Where have you lived since and where do you now live.

A. When I was called into the service I resided in the County of Montgomery & State of North Carolina, in the course of one or two years after the close of the revolutionary war

I removed in to the County of Cumberland which was afterwards [1784] divided and the part in which I resided was called Moore and in this said Moore I have resided ever since and still reside there.

- 4 Qt. How were you called into service, were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.
- A. I went into the service in both the tours in which I served as a Volunteer.
- 5 Qt. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services
- A. The officers with whom I served that I now recollect was Capt. Buckner Kimbro Capt. West Harris Lieut. Jonathan Riggins, Capt. James Crump. I was so short a time with Gen'l. Rutherfords & Gates's troops that if I learned the names of any of the officers I do not now recollect them. The general circumstances of my service are set fourth in the preceding declaration as near as I am able to do it. I have no knowledge of the names or numbers of any Regiment I saw while in the service
- 6 Qt. did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it
- A. I received an instrument of writing which I supposed was a discharge from Capt James Crump which is the only one I ever received that I now recollect and I think that an uncle of mine got it but upon what terms I dont know.
- 7 Qt. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.
- A. Rev'd Noah Richardson Corn's. H Dowd Dr. Sam'l. C. Bruce Maj'r. Angus McDonald, John Morison & many others. Jesse hisXmark Bean

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Personally appeared before me Samuel C. Bruce one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County of Moore Jesse Bean of said County aged about seventy eight or seventy nine who being duly Sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, sayeth that he has recently made application for a pension for his Services as a soldier of the Revolution, and that the reasons why he did not apply for said pension sooner are as follows (towit) That he did not know for some time after the act of Congress under which he now claims was passed that its provisions were extended to persons who had served less than twelve months, and that when he was informed that the act embraced those who had served six and nine months he then considered about his own claim and altho he knew that his services entitled him to a pension he determined not to make application for a pension or any other benefit to himself where his claim rested upon his own affidavit alone and that he did not know or recollect of any person living whose testimony he could procure who could clearly prove his services. That in March 1836 Joshua Hurley of the County of Montgomery came by his house on his way to Fayetteville this brought to the recollection of the said Jesse Bean that the said Hurley was with him in the tour which he served under Capt Crump; that he having now found a witness who could prove a part of his services and thereby substantiate his claim, and relieve him from the imputation cast upon so many applicants for pension (that they swerve from the truth for their own benefit) he this deponent then determined to make application for a pension and got the said Hurley to promis to come & see him in order that his deposition or affidavit might be taken, that the said Hurley did not come at the time appointed, that he the said Bean being old and infirm could not conveniently go to the County of Montgomery to get the affidavit of said Hurley and could not conveniently get said Hurley to come to Moore County for that purpose untill November last. He the said Jesse Bean sayeth that he was aware that he could make some proof by Nathan Fry but as the said Fry could only say that he had seen him the said Bean with the troops and he believed was a soldier &c he the said Bean was unwilling to make application without some proof more clearly. He this deponent further sayeth that before he had knowledge that he could procure the testimony of the aforesaid Hurley two of his countymen proposed to draw his

declaration and endeavour to procure his pension for him but that he refused on the ground that he has heretofore stated viz that he would not make application unless he had some proof besides his own oath.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> February 1837

Jesse hisXmark Bean Sr