

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Jeffries S8755

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier Sc.

On this 1st day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Fauquier County now sitting Alexander Jeffries a resident of the County of Fauquier & State of Virginia aged 70 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.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service of the United States 1st of March 1781 under Captain William Jennings, Colonel Elias Edmonds [also spelled Elias Edmunds] commanded the Regiment and served until the middle of June the same year we marched to Richmond City & from thence 8 miles below that place we stayed there until the enemy forced us to abandon it we returned to the City of Richmond & from thence we marched to Culpeper County and again returned, & was then dismissed. I was called out a second time the first of September 1781 under the command of Captain Yancey & was again put under the command of Colonel Elias Edmonds & served until the last of November that year. We marched to Williamsburg & from thence to Yorktown. I was present through the whole of the siege & returned with the prisoners as a guard to the Barracks above Winchester Frederick County Virginia where I was dismissed. Question by Court. Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in King George County Virginia but my parents moved to Fauquier County Virginia when I was very small, I was born in 1762.

Q. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

A. I have none

Q. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A. in the County of Fauquier State of Virginia

Q. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

A. I was drafted in the first tour & was a substitute in the second

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it and who signed it?

A. I think I did receive a discharge from the service at the expiration of the first tour of duty but I do not know what has become of it. It was signed by the Colonel or Captain I do not recollect which. I did not receive one the last time we were all disbanded and came home together. I

hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Alexander Jeffries¹

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

I hereby certify that I served with Alexander Jeffries the Tour commencing the 1st of March 1781 and ending in the month of June in the same year and that he served as set forth in his statement.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Charles Kemper²

I hereby Certify I served with Alexander Jeffries the tour commencing September 1st 1781 and ended the last of November 1781 & that he has served as he stated.

S/ George Monroe³

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 ½ months in the Virginia service.]

¹ because the handwriting is identical to that of the body of the document, I do not think this is the actual signature of the veteran but rather is an indication that the original was signed by the veteran and that this is a copy of the original

² for the reasons stated above, I do not believe this is the actual signature of Charles Kemper [Charles Kemper W20292](#)

³ ditto [George Monroe S46060](#)