

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Lumm S8872

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State of Pennsylvania Beaver [Beaver] County: SS

On the 19th day of June in the year of our Lord 1835 before the Honorable Benjamin Adams one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Beaver aforesaid, and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, Jesse Lumm who after being duly affirmed according to law doth on his solemn affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That according to the account given him by his mother, he was born in the State of North Carolina, on the 12th day of May 1764. That he has no record of his age, that he never seen his father, but whilst he was an infant his mother moved to Loudon [Loudoun] County, State of Virginia, That in the year 1779 or 1780, he was drafted in the second class of the Virginia Militia. That he marched from Loudoun County in the fall of the same year, but from his old age and loss of memory, he is unable to tell the month. That Colonel Rutledge commanded the Regiment, Major Cox, the Battalion, and the company Officers, were Captain Humphrey – Lieutenant Taylor and Ensign Thatcher. They marched through Fredericksburg, and many other towns, That he cannot recollect, to Gloucester, where he remained sometime, and was discharged. The discharge was not in writing. The main body of the Army was at Williamsburg, but the news came that the British were not coming there. That this tour he served two months, as a private, and during the time he was out he was not engaged in any civil Employment whatever; That the company he belonged to was an embodied Corps in the service of the United States. That after he was discharged he returned to his mother's – That the next spring he was again drafted – he cannot tell whether it was in February or March. That his officers were Colonel Lane – the same Captain Major Lieutenant and Ensign, under which he was drafted the fall previous, and marched from Loudoun County aforesaid to Williamsburg – where he joined the main Army – While here, the company to which he belonged was sent up the York River to procure boats for the purpose of passing the River, in case they were defeated. That they marched up to a town called New Castle, where they got them and returned to Williamsburg: after which they marched to York, and from there back to Williamsburg, the British having arrived at this place, [indecipherable word]¹ then was a skirmish at the time they were landing – but they soon drove us off, and we marched to Richmond at which place the Militia were discharged – but his discharge was not in writing – This tour he served three months as a private, two of which was after he joined the main Army, and during the time he was out, he

was engaged in no civil employment whatever, and the company he belonged to was an organized Corps, in the service of the United States – That after his discharge he returned to his grandfather, in the said County of Loudoun. That after harvest, or in the fall of the same year he was again drafted, but he cannot say to a certainty what month – That the company to which he was drafted, was commanded by Captain Elgan [probably Gustavus Elgin], Lieutenant Elgan [probably Francis Elgin] and Samuel Mosley Ensign, Colonel Hart [?]² commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, he cannot recollect the names of the other officers, but knows that the person who commanded at Gloucester Point was a Frenchman, That they marched from Loudoun County, Through Spotsylvania and several small towns, That he does not recollect the names to Gloucester Point, opposite York, where he remained until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That whilst he was here, and before the surrender, he was in a skirmish with the Enemy's Picket guard, which they succeeded in driving into the camp, After the surrender, that part of the Army to which he belonged guarded 500 of the prisoners taken to the Potomac, where they delivered them to the Maryland Militia, after which he was regularly discharged by his Captain, but it was not in writing. This tour he served three months, as a private, two of which was after he joined the main Army – whilst he was out, he was not engaged in any civil employment whatever, and the company to which he belonged, was an embodied Corps, in the service of the United States. That after he was discharged he returned to Loudoun County aforesaid where he remained until the year 1818 – when he moved to Columbiana County, State of Ohio, where he remained fourteen years, and from thence he removed to the County of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, where he lived two years, spring before last he removed to Beaver County in the State of Pennsylvania, where he now resides, That the applicant by reason of extreme bodily infirmity being unable to walk, except on Crutches, and the distance he lives from Beaver County Court House is unable to appear in open Court – that he is unable from his old age, and loss of memory to detail more particularly, the incidents of his several Campaigns, That there is no Clergyman residing in his neighborhood, and that he could not obtain the certificate of one without much expense and inconvenience, and the said Applicant doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or Territory. That he does not know of any person living – in either here or elsewhere who can testify as to his services, or state in detail his personal knowledge of the Applicant's services, but he states the names of John Breden, John Kear, John Cloer, Abraham Jones, Michael Baker who reside in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Affirmed & subscribed before me this 19th June 1835

S/ Benj. Adams

S/ Jesse Lumm

And on the day and year aforesaid the said Honorable Benjamin Adams Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Beaver and State of Pennsylvania propounded to the said applicant the following interrogatories, prescribed by the War Department, the answers of to which are in this, the Honorable Benjamin Adams Esquire's opinion, embodied in said applicants declaration, and are satisfactory and true

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In the State of North Carolina, cannot tell what County – in the year 1764 –

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

² The war Department read this name as Colonel West. There was a Major named George West listed as being in the Loudoun County militia.

Ans. I have no record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living when called into service in Loudoun County State of Virginia where I remained until the year 1818 when I moved to Columbiana County, State of Ohio, where I live 14 years I then moved to Allegheny County, State of Pennsylvania where I lived two years, from where I removed to Beaver County, and State of Pennsylvania where I now live –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted each time

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. My first tour I was under Colonel Rutledge, Major Cox, Captain Humphrey, Lieutenant Taylor and Ensign Thatcher, my second tour Colonel Lane, and the same Captain, Lieutenant, that commanded the first tour. The third tour his company was commanded by Captain Elgin, Lieutenant Elgin, and Ensign Mosley and that Colonel Neot [?]³ Commanded the Regiment he does not recollect the names of the other officers the general that commanded at Gloucester was a Frenchman, His services were in the second class of the Virginia Militia, does not recollect the number of the Regiment, or any further particulars of his service, than those embodied in his declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. Each tour I was discharged by my Captain but they were neither written or printed

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. John Badin, John Kerr, Esq., John Cloer, Abraham Jones, Michael Baker in my present neighborhood and can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

[John Breaden gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for eight months in the Virginia militia.]

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