

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Messer S8893

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension List for the purpose of Obtaining the benefit of An Act for the Relief [of] Certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on 15th May 1828

I Jeremiah Messer a Resident Citizen of the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I entered in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its Termination at which period I was a private in Captain Sharp's [Anthony Sharpe's] Company in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Line and also declare I afterwards Received a bounty in Land to which I was entitled to under an Act of the Legislature of North Carolina and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension List of the United States or any state in the United States.

S/ Jeremiah Messer, X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,
5 May 1829.

Jeremiah Messer of __ in the County of Anson in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Sharp's Company, in the 10 regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,
6th May 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Jeremiah Messer is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of Jeremiah Messer cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office

12 May 1829

The records of this office do not show that Jeremiah Messer of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

State of North Carolina Anson County: October Sessions 1832

On this ___ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Jeremiah Messers [sic] a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 75 years a Soldier of the Revolution who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. -- I entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated -- First I was drafted from the County of Pitt State of North Carolina in the month of October 1778. Was placed under the command of Capt. Stafford [Seth Stafford] in Col. Caswell's [William Caswell's] Regiment and joined the General Ashe [John Ashe] in January following and marched to the South and was in the battle of Brier Creek I think in March 1779 [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] -- served at least six months and was discharged in April or May 1779 --

I enlisted in the spring of 1781 -- I think in April in Greenville State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] of the 10th Regiment commanded by Col. Armstrong [Lieutenant Colonel John Armstrong] -- and was marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] from thence to Hillsborough thence to Salisbury thence to Charlotte thence to High Hills of Santee South Carolina, thence to Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] in which battle I was again under the command of Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Light Infantry from thence I was marched towards the City of Charleston to a place called Dorchester near which place I was discharged in May 1782 by Capt. Dolph [probably Michael Rudolph] and Col. Lee -- having served at least twelve months at this term and at least eighteen months in all. I further declare that I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person living whose testimony I can procure to prove my Services.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above.

S/ Jeremiah Messer, X his mark

1 Question by Court: Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr: I was born in Pitt County North Carolina on the 21st day of Marched 1757

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

Ansr: My age was recorded in the family Bible but I do not know the where it is now
3rd Question by Court Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr: I was living in Pitt County when called into service where I continued to live for 12 or 15 years after the War and from thence removed to Anson where I now live

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

Ansr: I was drafted in the first instance. I enlisted in the 2nd in the regular Service
5th Question by Court State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr: Col. Armstrong -- & Col. Lee -- of the Regular Army Col. Caswell -- & General Ashe of the Militia -- my services were confined to North & South Carolina

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

Ansr: I received my discharge in both instances -- my first I do not recollect from whom - - my last I received from [indecipherable: looks like "Moses Masisend"¹] -- I have all lost both

7th Question by Court 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: the Rev. John S. Kindale [sic] and Edward Winfeel [sic] Esquire are each acquainted with me.

[John S. Kendall, a clergyman, and Edward Winfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: This veteran also claimed under the 1828 act but gave no details in that application. This application was supported by this standard affidavits given by Joseph Medley and William Threadgill.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

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