

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Cunningham S9257

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State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 16th day of July 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the county court of said county, Jacob Cunningham, a resident of the Parish of Saint Patrick, in the county of Prince Edward, and State of Virginia, aged eighty two 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in 1778, for one year under the following circumstances, he was then a resident of the county of Cumberland, and the Regiment of Virginia Militia to which he belonged, was called upon to furnish a certain No. of soldiers, to be drafted, if they did not volunteer, that he with a sufficient number did volunteer, and were placed under the immediate command and order of his brother William Cunningham then a Captain, afterwards a Major in the 1st Regiment of the Virginia line in the service of the United States, that the said William Cunningham had been sent out to collect or receive the drafted or volunteer Troop that he marched on with his said brother Capt. Wm. Cunningham to Valley forge where the main body of the Army was stationed under the command of Gen'l. Washington. Shortly after he arrived at Valley forge he was inoculated for the small pox, and had not recovered of it, so as to be able to march off with the army; the British were then at Philadelphia and left there [18 Jun 1778] marching towards New York, followed by Gen'l [Charles] Lee, that, they had turned upon Lee who was retreating, when Gen'l Washington met them and gave them battle at Monmouth in New Jersey [28 Jun 1778], the british retreated he believes to Sandy-hook [Sandy Hook NJ] where they embarked, that he the applicant followed on as soon as his health would permit & rejoined the army at White-planes [sic: White Plains NY], from there he with a portion of the army were detached and sent to West point, to work on some forts, where he remained till near Christmas, they were then marched to Middlebrook in New Jersey and remained during the winter, and he was discharged in the month of March 1779; that from the nature of the services and his situation, he was changed and placed under the command of various officers, his Colo. was Richard Parker, the last officer he was under the command of, he believes was Archibald Denham [sic: Archibald Denholm], who gave him his discharge, they were frequently on parade commanded by Brigade inspector Carrol Minnis [probably Callohill Minnis], that he was also under the command sometimes of Holeman Minnis [sic: Holman Minnis] an officer in the Regiment.

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. Jacob Cunningham