

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah York W10006 Joanna York VA (PA)
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State of Indiana }
Perry County Circuit } Sct

On this 28th day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Hon^l Samuel Hall, president judge and Jonathan D. Esrey his associate in open Court it being the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid and a court of Record Jeremiah York a resident of Tobin Township in the County of Perry and state afores^d aged seventy years the 22^d day of June last 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the spring of the year 1780 with Captain Uria Springer [R10017] and served as he now believes in the 8th Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers that he served from the spring of the year of 1780 as aforesaid in said company during the war under Captain Uriah Spring That when he entered the service he took the place of James Tucker [see endnote] a regular Soldier who had enlisted some time previous to serve during the war in the Company aforesaid That after this applicant took the place of James Tucker and was entered upon the Roll of the Company That said Tucker was then discharged That the company in which he served was as he believes attached to the 8th Regiment in the army then stationed at what was then called Fort Pitt now called Pittsburgh in the forks of the Allegania and Monongahalia [sic: Allegheny and Monongahela rivers] and remained there during the war The name of the Commandant of the Regiment he does not recollect but knows that the army stationed at fort Pitt was commanded by General Gibson [Col. John Gibson S41578] who was Commander in Chief, that he left the service at the treaty of peace, that he served only one Term of enlistment That he resided when he entered the service on Georges Creek a Branch of the Monongahalia River The county at this time is not recollected but was in the State of Pennsylvania [see endnote]. That he remained from the time of his enlistment until his discharge Stationary at fort Pitt he was in no battles during his servitude as he now recollects That he received a written discharge signed by said General Gibson which discharge was burned together with the House of one of his sons about five years since where this applicant then resided he now resides in the Township of Tobin and county of Perry in the state of Indiana he herewith encloses the affidavit of Peter Tucker who knows of his entering the service as he states He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

Jeremiah hisXmark York

State of Indiana }
Spencer County } Sct [8 June 1833]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that some time during the revolutionary war his brother James Tucker enlisted under Captain David Scott [S25425] and served some time he does not know how long but probably until the spring of 1780 at which time he employed Jeremiah York (who is now about to make application for a pension) to serve in his place and his Brother was discharged at fort Pitt And the said Jeremiah York served in the place of said Tucker during the war under Captain Uriah Springer and was discharged from the service at fort Pitt and further saith not (signed) Peter hisXmark Tucker

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Mead County } Sct

This day personally appeared Benjamin Shacklet sen before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made Oath that he was well acquainted with Jeremiah York who is about to make

application for a pension and states that the said York did enlist in the United States service in the Spring of the year 1780 under Capt Uriah Springer, and [undeciphered] in the and continued to serve in the army until the Troops were discharged at the close of the Revolutionary war and further states that the said York took the place of one James Tucker and said Tucker got his discharge and said York entered and served as above stated and was discharged at the close of the revolution to the best of his this deponants recollection and further says not

Benj'a Shacklet sen'r
24th June 1833

NOTES:

James Tucker in his own pension application S40597 stated that he, himself, served to the end of the war.

Georges Creek is in present Fayette County PA, but during the Revolutionary War it was claimed by Virginia. The regiment York served in was a Virginia regiment.

On 29 March 1860 Joanna York, 84, of Spencer County IN applied for a pension stating that as Joanna Alesworth she married Jeremiah York more than 35 years before. She referred to two daughters, Susan and Mary Ann, who may have been in the same house during the wedding. She also stated the following: "Mr York and myself lived together about two years as well as I now remember. He went off up into Perry County Indiana to his son Jeremiah York's. He came back to see me a few times, – there was then a lapse of about four or five years before he came again which was the last time that I ever saw him; and he then told me that he was drawing a pension of the United States for his services in the Revolutionary War. I was never divorced from him and I never applied for any divorce and I never heard of his receiving or applying for a divorce from me. I am informed that he was married to a woman by name of Letitia Boyd in Perry County Indiana but I never heard of it until recently. When I married him his first wife had been dead not many years."

On the same day Mary Ann Richey, 49, daughter of Joanna York by a previous marriage, referred to older children of Joanna Elsworth at the time of her marriage to Jeremiah York, and stated that she herself was married in 1829. Her husband, Robert Richey, 51, stated that Jeremiah York's first wife was named Brown, and she had two brothers, John Brown and Joseph Brown, both deceased. The file also contains a statement dated 6 April 1860 by Homer Hull on behalf of his wife, Sarah Hull, daughter of Joanna York, who was absent with a sick daughter. Homer Hull stated that he was 72, and the sons of Jeremiah York by his first wife were named Jeremiah, Job, Ezekiel, and possibly Thomas.

On 7 April 1860 Thomas York, nearly 63, stated that he was the son of Jeremiah York, the pensioner, that his mother died more than 40 years before, and that after being a widower some years his father married a woman whose name he did not know (Joanna Alesworth). Thomas York also stated that his father subsequently married Letitia Boyd, who survived him by only a few years. Thomas York also stated that all his brothers had left Indiana and that for four or five years he had not heard from any of them except Ezekiel in Illinois, who had a son named Jeremiah less than 30 years old. Thomas York also stated that in Kentucky about 40 years before, his brother Jeremiah married a widow named Rice who had died less than 25 years before, and that Jeremiah had remarried.

The file contains a certificate from Spencer County stating that a license was issued on 14 December 1825 for the marriage of Jeremiah York and Ann Alesworth. There is also a certificate that a license was issued on 24 September 1827 for the marriage of Jeremiah York and Letitia Boyd.

A document in the file indicates that the final pension payment was paid to the administrator of the estate of Jeremiah York up to 10 September 1835, apparently the date of his death.