

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joel Ashworth W10290 Milly Ashworth VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 25 Sep 2014.

State of Virginia Grayson County

On this 25 day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Grayson now sitting, Joel Ashworth a resident of the County of Grayson and state aforesaid aged seventy five years 10th day of June last according to his register 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 the seventh 1832 that he entered the servis in the State of Virginia under the following named officers, Capt Thomas Williams and marched to old Williamsburg thence to hamtontown [sic: Hampton] thence to portsmith [sic: Portsmouth] by watter, and there joined head quarters under the Command of General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] Col. Flemming [sic: possibly William Fleming] Major Wells, and Woodard Boling Brigade Inspector and continued at different stations near about that place the ballance of the tower which was six months and was discharged by said Williams, the second tower the applicant was drafted and marched under the Command of Capt Richard Ganes [sic: Richard Gains] in pursuit of [Gen. Benedict] Arnold the traitor untill he took his station in Portsmith [30 Apr 1781], then joined head quarters under the command of Gen'l Mulenburg, Col Rogers and Mjor Duvall [sic: Samuel Duval], then began intrenching and continued untill said Arnold took shiping, continued at different stations about Portsmith the ballance of the tower which was six months, then discharged by Capt Richard Ganes.

Your applicant served a third tower as a volenteer under Capt John Collier and marched in pursuit of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] when he came into Virginia [May 1781] and at the town of Petersburg had a battle [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] said Wallis retreated and we pursued him to Old James Town. Then we joined Gen'l Wane [sic: Anthony Wayne] and Gen'l [Robert] Lawson and had a battle [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] said Wallace took shiping and went to little York Town, from thence we marched and joined General Washington near little York, and continued under his command until Wallace was captured [19 Oct], This last tower was three months [sic] and discharged by Liut Joseph Coller, your applicant lived in the State of Virginia when called into servis, in Charlott [sic: Charlotte] County, the first tower volenteer the second drafted, the third volenteered, all in the Militia company under the above named officers, as to the regular officers he noes not except Washington and Wane, he has no documentary evidence of his servises, he here by 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.

1 Where, and in what year were you born
in Charlotte County Va in and by my register in the year 1757

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it
the applicant sayeth I have a record of my age set in a Bible a home

3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary warr,
and where do you now live,

answer in Charlotte County Va then remooved to Franklin County in said State, then remooved to Grayson County in said State where I have lived ever since

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

answer Twice volunteered and once drafted

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops when you served; such Continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

answer he recollects not any regular officers except Washington and Wane, some of the Malitia officers

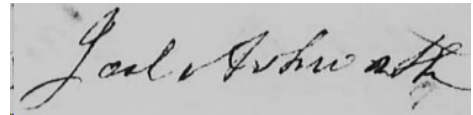
was Capt Thos Williams, Capt Richard Ganes Capt John Collier Col Flemming, Mjar Wells, Woodford Bolin Major David and Gen'l Mulenburg

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

answer I recd discharges first by Capt Thomas Williams second by Capt Richard Ganes third by Liut Joseph Collier. They are lost or destroyed

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your carrector for verasity and there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

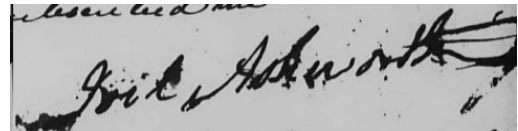
answer Wm Simons and the Rev'd. John Cock
Sworn to and subscribed the date above written



Virginia Grayson County to wit.

On this 25th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Justices of the County court of Grayson now sitting, Joel Ashworth a resident of the said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration amendatory of his Declaration made in this Court on the 25th day of February 1833, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 for the relief of revolutionary soldiers – That during the three tours mentioned in his former Declaration he served as a private Soldier. That his first tour of duty was performed soon after the burning of Norfolk by the British [1 Jan 1776], & the second tour was performed while Arnold was laying waste the Country on James River [18-30 Apr 1781]. He cannot specify the dates of these tours except by reference to those events not having a History to refer to. His last tour was performed in the year 1781 & closed with the Capture of Cornwallis and his army. He does not know of any living witness within his reach by whom he can prove his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above written



NOTE: On 5 Feb 1851 Milly Ashworth of Carroll County VA applied for a pension stating that she married Joel Ashworth in June 1796, and he died 21 Oct 1847. Parke S. Ashworth was witness. The file includes a copy of the return by Rev. Edward Almand for the marriage of Joel Ashworth and Milly Brizendine in Charlotte County on 3 Aug 1796. A note on her pension certificate indicates that Milly Ashworth died 29 Jan 1854.