

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Oglesby W1987
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State of Kentucky
Madison County

On this 1st day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open court, before Wm. Goodloe, James Dejarratt, E. Bush & John Hawkins, justices of the county Court of Madison, Jesse Oglesby [sic], a resident of Madison county in the state of Kentucky, aged about 70 years, as well as he can recollect, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declarations, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He states that Richard Perkins was drafted into the service about the month of December 1780, as well as this deponent can recollect, and he, (deponent) went as a substitute for forsaid Richard Perkins, and served a three months tour of duty under the following agreement. Perkins was a nephew of deponent and a man with a family--I agreed to take his place without any fee or reward, but If I was drafted in my absence Perkins was to take my place. I was not drafted until after my return home, which was in May 1781. I returned home in April, perhaps the 4th. I served my first tour under Capt. James Barnett, Col. Dabney, the other officers he cannot recollect. He stated he rendezvoused in Richmond, Va. and marched from there to Williamsburgh [sic, Williamsburg], from there to Little York, and from there to Hampton, and from thence back to what is called the half way house, where we were stationed some time, from thence to Little York, and from thence back to the Half way House, thence to York again, thence to Williamsburgh, and were then discharged. He states he again entered the service in May 1781 as a volunteer, rather than stand a draft, under Lieut. Yours [?]¹, Maj. Langamon,² & Col. Pope, until the battle at Jamestown, when he (Pope) was transferred to some other regiment, and Col. Marry weather [sic, Meriwether] took his place. He thinks he rendezvoused at Rock Spring in Amherst county, Virginia, and marched to Richmond, from thence to a place called Hot Water. He states that at this time Cornwallis was in that part of the country and Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] with his Light Horse, and he was marched backward and forward through the county to keep the British troops from taking us. He states that he was at Jamestown at the time of the battle, but his regiment (Pope's) was not engaged in it. He was at the Maupin Hills during this tour, & was joined to Gen. Demarcus³ troops at that place, where they remained till Cornwallis retreated, and then we pursued him slowly until he entered Little York, and was stationed on what was called the Pigeon Hill, where we were met by Gen. Washington. Here he remained till he was discharged. He served about twenty days over his time during this tour, for the purpose of keeping up the army till new troops arrived. He was discharged about the last of August 1781 as well as he recollects. He resided in Amherst county, Virginia, when he entered the service. He received discharges for both tours, but they are lost, and has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except James Barnett, whose affidavit is herewith enclosed. He is known in his present neighborhood to the Rev. Moses Fraley of Lincoln county, Kentucky, and to Robert Dinwiddie of Madison county, Kentucky. He states that he was born in Fluvanah [sic, Fluvanna] county Virginia. He states he has seen the record of his age, but he does not know where it is now, and can not say with certainty state the time he was born. He resided in Amherst county Virginia since the revolutionary war till

¹ The War Department, in its summary of this application, interpreted this name as either "Yours or Jones." C. Leon Harris offered the following observations: "Regarding "Yours," the pension application of [Thomas Vines W2028](#) of Amherst says "Thomas Yaers[?] was his Lieutenant," but it was difficult to read in that application also. McAllister read it as "Thomas Yores."

² C. Leon Harris offered the following observations regarding this officer's possible identity: Maj. Langamon is a mystery. There is a reference to a Maj. William Langbourne or Langburn who received bounty land, but I can't find anything else about him. I am more inclined to guess Langamon was the French Major Christian Charles Deklauman or Decloman. He had trouble speaking English, according to one pensioner. Decloman's name gets mutilated even in official records. Heitman has him as Deklawan, but I have settled on Decloman as looking more French. Rearranging the syllables might easily result in Langamon. Maj. Charles Decloman was definitely with Lafayette at the time.

³ C. Leon Harris points out that this is very probably a reference to General Lafayette who the soldiers called "The Marquis."

the last fifteen years, when he moved to Madison county, Kentucky, where he has resided ever since, and where he now resides.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid,

his
Jesse (x) Oglesby
mark

We, Moses Fraley, a clergyman, residing in Lincoln county at this time, and formerly a resident of Madison county, and Robert Dinwiddie residing in Madison county, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Jesse Oglesby, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about 70 years old--that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Moses Fraley
Robert Dinwiddie

Supplemental material added by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for said County, Jesse Oglesby, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade:

"For six months and 20 days, I served as a private; and for such service I claim a pension."

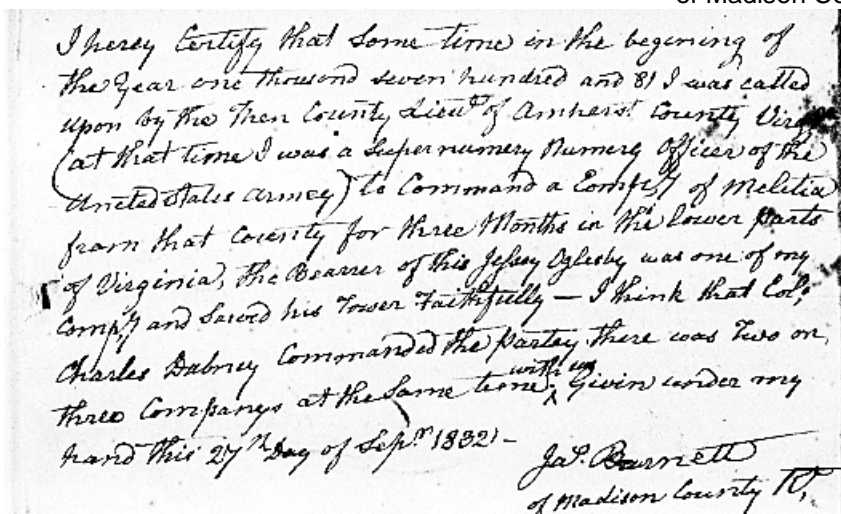
S/ Jesse Oglesby, X his mark

[Attested by Joseph Turner, JP]

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I hereby Certify that Some time in the beginning of the year 1781 I was called upon by the then County Lieutenant of Amherst County Virginia (at that time I was a Supernumerary Officer of the United States Army) to command a Company of Militia from that County for three months in the lower parts of Virginia, the Bearer of this Jessey Oglesby was one of my Company, and served his Tower [tour] Faithfully – I think that Colonel Charles Dabney commanded the party, there was two or three Companies at the same time with us. Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1832.

S/ Jas. Barnett⁴
of Madison County, Ky



I hereby Certify that Some time in the beginning of the Year one thousand seven hundred and 81 I was called upon by the then County Lieut^t of Amherst County Virginia (at that time I was a Supernumerary Number Officer of the United States Army) to Command a Company of Militia from that County for three Months in the lower parts of Virginia, the Bearer of this Jessey Oglesby was one of my Company and served his Tower Faithfully – I think that Col^l Charles Dabney Commanded the Party, there was two or three Companies at the same time, ^{with us} Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept^r 1832 –

James Barnett
of Madison County Ky

⁴ [James Barnett W391](#)

[p 7: On February 11th, 1853 in Madison County Kentucky, Celia Oglesby, 73 years in may last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Oglesby who was a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$22.60 per annum; that she married him in Amherst County Virginia September 25, 1796; that they were married by B. Bengey [?] a Baptist preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Celia Witt; that her husband died March 23, 1852; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with a mark.]

[p 12: On May 21, 1855 in Madison County Kentucky, Celia Oglesby aged 76 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jesse Oglesby; in this document she states that she was married to her husband in September 1795 by Benjamin Burgy a Minister of the gospel.]

[p 15: copy of a marriage bond issued in Amherst County September 15, 1794 to Jesse Oglesby & David Witt to secure the marriage of Jesse Oglesby Bachelor to Celia Witt Spinster.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months & 20 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]