

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joel Pace W21917

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State of Illinois }

Jefferson County } Sct Be it remembered that a circuit began and holden at Mount Vernon in the county of Jefferson aforesaid on Monday the 23rd day of March 1829 before the Honorable Thomas C Browne Judge of the said court, Joel Pace Senior personally came and made the following declaration which was admitted to record in said court as follows to wit:

Declaration above of Joel Pace Sr. in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of the 18th March 1818.

State of Illinois }

Jefferson County } SS On this 24th day of March 1829 personally appeared in open court being the circuit court held in and for said county and made by law a court of record Joel Pace a resident of said county, aged sixty seven years on the 28th of July next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; – that he the said Joel Pace enlisted for the term of eighteen months he believes some time in the month of March 1779, in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Cyrus Lightfoot Robards [sic: Cyrus Lightfoot Roberts] in the regiment commanded by Col. Heath [sic: William Heth] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment. that Capt Roberts only march'd him from Henry County to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] where he was put under the command of another Catain whose name he has forgot and is not certain that he is correct in his recollect of the name of his Colonel, as there were two Colonels at Petersburg at the time, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill the end of his term of enlistment when he was discharged from the service at Chesterfield court house in the state of Virginia, by Col. William Davies. That his discharge was long since destroyed by fire in the accidental burning of his house that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, viz: that until recently he has not thought his situation and circumstances in respect to property would justify such application, having been well to live untill his emigration from Kentucky to Illinois some seven or eight years ago during which time he has lost three valuable horses, and two valuable cows, and some other property and what he still retains has greatly sunk in value. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That no changes have taken place in my property since the 18th of March 1818 except that I sold out my land and one horse in Woodford County Kentucky, with the proceeds of which I bought my land in this state and except a swap or exchange which I made of a horse in this state for some cattle. That none of my property since 1818 has been sold under execution, and that I am now but little in debt, That my occupation is that of a farmer, that from age and infirmity consequent thereon, I am quite unable to pursue it that my family consists only of my wife now sixty five years of age, unable from like causes with myself to contribute much to our support.

Joel Pace

A Schedule of property

151 Acres Land @ \$1.25.	188.75
1 Horse.	90 —
4 Cows & Calves.	24 —
1 Cow.	5 —
2 Heiffers.	5 —
3 Calves.	4.50
3 four year old steers.	24 —
1 three “ ” “	6 —
4 Sheep.	5 —
15 Hogs.	9 —
1 old Beuro.	4 —
1 old side board.	5.—
1 Table.	5.—
1 Candle stand.	1.50
1 Sugar box.	1.50
1 Clock.	20.00
5 windsor chairs.	3.75
3 frame do.	1.50
1 Loom.	5 —
1 Cotton wheel.	2 —
1 flax do.	1 ?0
Table ware.	4 00
Cooking utensels.	7 00
1 Cart.	10 00
1 Dearbourn.	<u>10 00</u>
	\$448 75

Joel Pace Sen’r.

[Certified by Joel Pace, Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court.]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Joel Pace/ age 18/ height 5 8³/₄/ planter/ born in Amelia County VA/ residing in Pittsylvania County VA/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 25 Mar 1779 of 18 months.

On 12 Apr 1842 Mary Pace, 77, applied for a pension stating that Joel Pace’s application had been rejected because of too much property, that she was married to him on 14 Nov 1782 by Rev. Michael Dillingham at Beaver Creek Meeting House in Henry County VA, and her husband died 31 Aug 1831. With the application was a page from a family Bible with a family register written by Joel Pace, Sr., as certified by Joel Pace, Jr. and transcribed below. On 19 Aug 1848 Mary Pace applied under a later act, giving her age as 87 and stating that Joel Pace had served in the regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Buford.

J[rest illegible] & Molly was Married November [?]4 1782

John Pace son of Joel Pace and Molly His Wife was born August 14th 1783

Francis Pace was born May 11th[?] 1785 [Francis Pace, May 14, 1785]

Jeaney Pace was born August 5th 1787

Pelley Pace was borne August 5 1789

Joseph and Joel Pace was born December 1st 1791

Spencer Pace was borne [illegible] 1794

Ma[page torn]ace was born [page torn] 1796

The reverse side of the page is now mostly illegible, but according to a typed summary in the file it contained the following:

Letitia T. Pace was born July 4 1796

Joseph Fortune born February 27, 1784.