

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Joiner (Joyner) W300

Elizabeth Joyner

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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: October Sessions 1833

Declaration of Jonathan Joiner in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this 9th Day of October 1833 personally [appeared] in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting for Hardeman County aforesaid Jonathan Joiner a resident of the County of Hardeman aforesaid aged Eighty years of age or more not having any means of ascertaining his precise age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He first volunteered as a private in Captain Robert Middleton's Company in the State of Georgia in the County of joining the County in which the City of Augusta is situated and marched against the Creek Indians to Colonel Heard's Fort and before we arrived at the Fort the Light horse had relieved the Fort and when we arrived they were in pursuit of the Indians. We marched from the Fort home having been in service one month we were called minute men and was commanded by Colonel Candler [William Candler] the year this declarant cannot recollect but was eighteen months before the British took Augusta.

He entered the service the second time as a volunteer minute man of horse under Colonel Benjamin Few and was marched to a place called Brier Creek against the British & Tories and after they dispersed we were marched home having been in service three weeks. After the taking of Augusta [Augusta, Georgia, fell to forces under the command of Lt. Col. Archibald Campbell on January 31, 1779] I again entered the service as a private under Captain Robert Middleton and was marched across into South Carolina and there acted as spies up & down the Savannah River for one month and at this time part of the company returned to Georgia, but this declarant went on immediately and joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and remained in service under General Williamson five months and then after the British left Augusta [the forces under Campbell left Augusta in mid-February 1779] he obtained leave from his officers and went home. He never received any discharge but for the time he served under General Williamson but who of them signed it he does not now recollect as he is very old and his memory frail he lost or destroyed the discharge.

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.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in South Hampton [Southampton] County State of Virginia. I do not know what year I was born in my Father died before I was born and I was informed the record of my age in the family Bible was lost, and I have no record of my age.

2. Where did you live when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Ans: I lived in the State of Georgia when I was called into service. I lived since 20 years after the war in North Carolina in Halifax County, and moved to the State of Tennessee Jackson County and from there I moved to Livingston County Kentucky and from there to Hardeman County Tennessee about ten years since where I now live.

3. How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Ans: I entered the service as a volunteer each tour I served

4. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I am not able to state the names of any more of the officers than is stated in my declaration; there was about 2000 men in service under General Williamson.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans: I am known by West Harris, Elias Fort, Cornelius Cain, General J C N Robertson and a number of other citizens of Hardeman I am also known to the Representative in Congress from this District W C Dunlap

Sworn to in open Court October 9th 1833

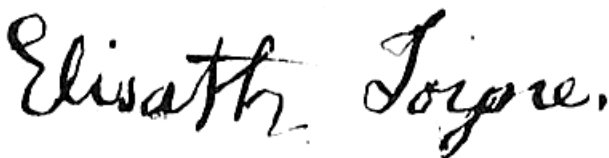
S/ Thos. J. Hardeman, Clerk

S/ Jonathan Joiner, X his mark

[Cornelius Cain, a clergyman, and West Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 2: On November 12, 1846 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Elizabeth Joyner [sic], aged 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jonathan Joiner [sic] a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1789; that her husband died July 25, 1835; that she has remained his widow ever since his death; she submits in support of her claim the family Bible record showing the deaths, births & marriages of the family of Jonathan and Elizabeth Joyner [sic]; that there is also another Bible record in which is recorded the following entry "Poley Joyner Daughter of Jonathan Joyner and Elisabeth his wife was Born September 11th 1792, Sally Joyner the Daughter of the same was born June 25th, 1791, Thomas Joyner was born the 18th January 1796, Jonathan Joyner was born August the 4th 1799, Henry Joyner was born March the 13, 1802; Jonathan Joyner died the 15th of September 1804"; that she was married to her husband in Halifax County North Carolina.

S/ Elisath Joyne [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisath Joyne". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Elisath" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Joyne" follows in a similar but slightly smaller hand. The signature is positioned above a small square bracket symbol.

[pp 8-9 family records]

Poley joyner Daughter of
Jonathan joyner and Elisabeth^{his wife}
was Bond September the 17th
1792.

Salley joyner the Daughter
of the same was bond June 25th
1795.

Thomas joyner was Bond^{the}
18th January, 1796

Jonathan joyner was Bond
August the 14th 1799.....

Henry joyner was Bond
March the 13th 1802.....

Jonathan joyner Died
the 15th day of September
1804

[p 25: On November 12, 1846 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Thomas Joyner gave testimony that he is the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Joyner; that he was born January 18, 1796 according to a memorandum which he believes to be correct; that he lived in the same neighborhood as his parents up to the time of the death of his father Jonathan Joyner and that his mother has remained a widow.

Jonathan Joyner]

[p 26: On November 12, 1846 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Charlotte Harriss gave testimony that she has been well acquainted with Elizabeth Joyner about 46 years; that Elizabeth was the wife of Jonathan Joyner; that Jonathan and Elizabeth lived together as man and wife until the death of Jonathan; that Elizabeth has remained a widow; that she 1st became acquainted with Jonathan and Elizabeth in Halifax County North Carolina; that she, affiant, is about 62 years old and now a resident of Hardeman County Tennessee.

Charlotte Harriss]

[p 28: On November 12, 1846 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Robert D Fort and Elizabeth A Fort gave testimony that they have been well acquainted with Elizabeth Joyner for many years; they state their belief that the memorandum of the birth of the children of Jonathan and Elizabeth Joyner is correct. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.

Robert D. Fort
Elizabeth A. Fort]

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Hardeman County, July 25, 1835; he married in 1789, exact date not shown, in Halifax County North Carolina, Elizabeth, date and place of her birth and her maiden name not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]