

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Jackson W5004

Hannah Jackson

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

On this 15 day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Stokes now sitting Samuel Jackson a resident in the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina aged about seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an 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 first, that he was born in the year 1758 in the State of Pennsylvania a few miles from the city of Philadelphia on the River Delaware, That he has no record of his age, that when quite young, he moved with his parents to that part of the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina now called Davidson, he states when he was first called into service he lived in the County of Surry and State aforesaid on Dan River now Stokes County, at other times in the County of Rowan, that since the revolution he has lived in the County of Stokes and lives there now, that he first served in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Cloud of the County of Stokes then Surry in the year 1780 for a term of one month, as a volunteer and whilst in this service assisted to guard Tory prisoners at Old Town alias Bethabara, that afterwards in the year of 1780 at the same place he served under Captain Gaines¹ father of General Gaines and was employed in guarding British prisoners taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and served at least one month afterwards in the same and succeeding years he was engaged and acted on several scouting parties and all for a term of one month under different officers whose names from infirmity he cannot now recollect that whilst engaged in the services before mentioned the Regiment to which his company was attached was commanded part of the term by Colonel William Sheppard and Major Joseph Winston, he recollects that whilst on duty at Old Town one Estel [?] a private soldier shot a Sergeant Smith for which offense he was merely whipped -- afterwards to wit in the year 1781 in the County of Rowan about the time the British marched from South Carolina towards the Battle ground at Guilford he volunteered his services in a company of militia, commanded by Captain William Davis which company was chiefly called out at that crisis to keep the Tories in awe & to observe them, when he was taken prisoner by the Tories, and after being confined a while was discharged, that the service and imprisonment lasted about one month -- that after this in the same year 1781 he volunteered again in a company of

¹ This MAY be a mistaken reference to Capt. Gaines Falker

mounted Light Infantry commanded by Captain Lopp [Captain John Lopp], Lieutenant Bodenhamer and marched toward & below Wilmington NC -- whilst on the march they scattered the Tories at the Raft Swamp [October 15, 1781]² -- and from there marched to near the mouth of Cape Fear River -- where they made an attack on the Brick House [November 15, 1781]³ occupied by the British Garrison but ineffectual -- & then marched towards Georgetown in South Carolina and back to the Brick House and lay in the neighborhood until the news arrived that Cornwallis was taken, when he was marched home & was discharged -- having served three months -- that the Regiment in which his company marched to Wilmington was commanded by Colonel Smith [Robert Smith]; that he recollects there was along a company of horse men from the County of Guilford of 30 or 40 more commanded by Captain Gillespie [Robert Gillespie], recollects that one Captain Kennedy was close with his company, the regiment numbered about 500 he recollects that in the affair at Raft Swamp one McDoo [John McAdow] of the Guilford Troops was shot -- on the front guard of the march by the Tories he do not recollect that in any part of his service he was ever under the command of any regular officer or in company with regular troops, he states that each term of his different tours of service were, he was discharged in writing -- all which are lost -- He states that taking his tours of service together he rendered but six months -- that he always served as a private and never received a commission

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except the testimony of Jacob Idol⁴ whose affidavit is hereunto appended and who testifies for him as to the tours served under Captain Davis & Captain Lopp to Wilmington

He states that in his neighborhood he is known to Charles Banner & Jacob Carson who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Jackson, X his mark

S/ Jno Hill, CCC

[Charles Banner & Jacob Carson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On March 9, 1839 in Stokes County North Carolina, Hannah Jackson, a resident of Stokes County aged 74 years on October 9 last filed for a Widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Jackson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him January 23, 1782; that they were married by Micajah Clark, JP of Surry County North Carolina; that her husband died June 18, 1834; that she had 10 children the 1st of whom (John Jackson) was born February 1, 1783; that James Jackson was born March 1, 1785; the balance of her children in rotation about 2 years between their births being named Isaac, Samuel, Sarah, John, William, Amer, Joseph and Hiram Jackson the last of whom was born October 28, 1801; that she has no family record as her husband was illiterate and neglected to make a record. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 23: On February 14, 1839 in Stokes County North Carolina, Martha Pearce gave testimony


² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_raft_swamp.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

⁴ [Jacob Idol W7859](#)

that she remembers the marriage of Samuel Jackson and Hannah Gibson; that they were married at the affiant's father's home; that her father's name was Elisha Pearce; that they were married in 1782 in January, she believes; that they were married by Micajah Clark, JP; that on the same day and at the same place Colonel John Martin was married to Nancy Ship; that affiant was about 18 years old when Samuel and Hannah were married. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 24: On February 15, 1839 in Stokes County North Carolina, William Gibson, gave testimony that his sister Hannah was married to James Jackson in January 1782; that he was about 9 years old at the time they were married; that their oldest child was 10 years and 2 months younger than the affiant.

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[p 33: On February 14, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina, Hannah Jackson gave testimony that she married Samuel Jackson on the 23rd January 1782 or 1783 she don't remember which year as she has no record; that she was married at the house of Elisha Pearce in Surry County North Carolina by Micajah Clark, JP; that the bans of marriage had been published according to custom by William Stevens, a preacher of the Baptist Church but who was taken ill and gave his certificate of publication to Micajah Clark; that Mary Roark, wife of Timothy Roark and Martha Pearce were present at her marriage.]

[p 33: On February 14, 1840, at the house of Timothy Roark of Stokes County, Mary Roark (formally Mary Pearce) gave testimony that she well remembers Micajah Clark a justice of the peace marrying Samuel Jackson and Hannah Gibson together as man and wife at the affiant's father's house in Surry County she thinks in January or February 1783; that affiant was 15 at the time of their marriage; that affiant frequently heard William Stevens, a Baptist preacher give sermons at a meeting house and that he published the bans of matrimony for Samuel and Hannah. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]