

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Palmer W5482

Elizabeth Palmer

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832.

On this 17th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Jesse Palmer Senior a resident of said County and State his age sixty-nine years 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. To wit -- that he was born on the 28th day of June 1763 in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia. His parents removed to Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina. He was 12 years old. He was drafted in said County at the age of seventeen by Captain William Armstrong for the term of three months in the year 1781 and on the 22nd day of January. He joined the Army in Mecklenburg County. Joined Captain Thomas Loftens [sic, Thomas Lofton's] Company Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] was the Commanding Colonel and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], was his General until killed [Davidson was killed at the battle of Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781]. He marched from Mecklenburg to Dan River, at which place he joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army. He remained here four weeks and was at a skirmish with the British on the ready fork [sic, Reedy Fork, March 4, 1781] of Haw River. Cornwallis was commanding the British in this skirmish. We here retreated. He stayed with his General until after the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781]. He was at this battle a few days after this he received his discharge from the Captain and returned home to Lincoln County. He in September following joined a company of volunteers for the term of three months. William Moore was the Captain he joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army about the first of October on Little River. He had several skirmishes with the Tories. He stayed this three months and received his discharge from Captain Moore. He stayed in Lincoln County until 1803. He removed to this County Buncombe where he has lived since and now resides. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to and subscribed this day and date aforesaid –

S/ Jesse Palmer, O his mark

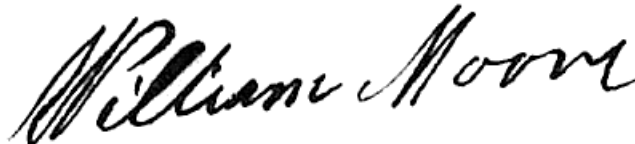
[James Lowry & Georgia Robison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally appeared before me Isaac Holland one of the

acting Justices of the peace for said County Colonel William Moore¹ of said County and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, Deposeth and Saith that he did volunteer as a soldier in the Service of the United States and was appointed a Captain in the Militia of said Army under the command of General Rutherford that he said more started his march as Captain from Captain Robert Alexander's on the East side of the Catawba River near the Tuckaseegee Ford in said County that him and his Company of men did then commence their march from said Robert Alexander's on the 15th day of September 1781 and marched through Mecklenburg to join the Army and did join the Army on Little River beyond Pedee River under Colonel Robert Erwin of Mecklenburg County & Major White of said County and marched and crossed Cape Fear River about 44 miles below Fayetteville and was dismissed about 21 miles North of Wilmington by General Rutherford after serving three months and a half. That Jesse Palmer did serve under him (more) the full term of three months and a half and was honorably discharged that said Jesse Palmer did then Lee of or reside on Long Creek now Lincoln County and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 7th Day of September 1835 before me
S/ I. Holland, JP

S/ William Moore



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Elisha Weathers² of said Lincoln County as above was also duly sworn on his oath Deposeth & saith that he was also in the Service of the United States & rendezvoused at the widow Patterson's in said County under Major Jonathan Gullick in January 1781, that he marched to the Tuckaseegee Ford, that Jesse Palmer of said County did join the Army at last of January 1781, that it was a 3 month tour that they served as a drafted militia that to the best of his knowledge said Palmer did serve the full term of 3 months and was in the Battle at Guilford, that they served under Captain Thomas Loftin and was commanded by Colonel Month part of the time & then fell under the command of Colonel Locke & further saith not. Sworn to & subscribed this 7th day of September 1835 before me
S/ I. Holland, JP

S/ Elisha Weathers



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

William Moore being Duly Sworn before me Isaac Holland one of the Justices of said County Deposeth & Saith that he (William Moore) was Captain in the Militia in the War of the Revolution under Colonel Robert Erwin of Mecklenburg County that he marched through Charlotte onto Pedee [River] & joined the Army at Little River, that on 15 September 1781 said

¹ [William Moore S7250](#)

² [Elisha Weathers W3901](#)

march [several interlined and indecipherable words] that Jesse Palmoore [sic] was then under him as a Soldier but had been in the Army & was in it when he (Moore) took the command as Captain, that said Jesse Palmor Served three months & ten days under said Moore as a private Soldier, being then a citizen of Lincoln County & was Honorable [sic] Discharged, that Said Palmor is now a Citizen of Buncombe County N. C.

Sworn to and subscribed this 31st day of July 1837 before me
S/ J. Holland, JP

S/ William Moor



Elisha Weathers being also sworn Deposeth & Saith that he was with said Jesse Palmer a three months tower [tour] in the year of the battle was fought at Guilford that the above three months is all the time he said Weathers can prove for said Palmer as Service in the Revolutionary War, commanded by Captain Thomas Lofton.

Sworn to and subscribed this 31st of July 1837 before me
S/ J Holland, JP

S/ Elisha Weathers

[p 22: On August 21st, 1851, Elizabeth Palmer, 87, filed in Buncombe County North Carolina for a widows pension as the widow of Jesse Palmer stating that she married him in Lincoln County North Carolina on September 21st, 1785; that they were married by John Moore, JP; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Hoffman; and that her husband died at Sandy Mush Buncombe County NC December 13, 1850; and that she is still his widow. she signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name appears as both Hoffman and Hufman; someone named John Hufman, signed their marriage bond (p 66); the veteran and his wife had the following children:

John born February 21, 1786
Jacob born May 19, 1788
Katharin born November 6, 1790
Mary born December 21, 1793
Ann born January 23, 1796
Elizabeth born June 30, 1798
David born August 29, 1801
Margaret born November 7, 1803

[the digital image of the family record appears at p 13: the image is very faint.]

[Someone by the name of John H. Robeson in 1854 referred to the veteran as his grandfather, but gave no information regarding his parents or line of descent from the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing September 4, 1834 for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]