

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Pugh (Pew) W5586 Avy

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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit

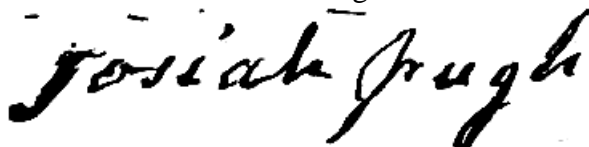
On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Mathews County now sitting, Josiah Pew a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was under Captain Josiah Foster, Joshua Foster Lieutenant, John Foster Ensign, Colonel Sir John Payton [Baronet Sir John Peyton] Major Boswell and Major Throgmorton were the field officers, he entered about 1778 and left the service in 1781 – he was in no engagement, he resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County when he was called as a militia man of that County, and has resided there ever since he was discharged – he would be called upon to go to Gloucester Court House and be kept there for a week or two at a time when the enemy would be expected – he would be called down to York and remained there two or three weeks at a time and then be relieved; in March of the year [1781] that Lord Cornwallis came to York he was called out and remained out until after the capture with the exception of a month or two while he was sick. He did not serve with any of the Continental troops. He has no documentary evidence of his entry or discharge, he received no written discharge, he was acquainted with Captain Charles Tompkins, Colonel James Baytop, Major Thomas Baytop of the regular service. He can prove his service by William Diggs<sup>1</sup> and Isaac Smith,<sup>2</sup> he was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County in the year 1762, he has a record of his age left by his father which is here exhibited to the court, He thinks he served 42 years in all during the war, he was only a private.

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

S/ Josiah Pugh



[Humphrey Billups, a clergyman, and John Borum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S8327

<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Smith S11427](#)

[f p. 52]

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia Josiah Pugh, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods below and in the grades following to wit: For \_\_\_ months I served on guard at N. Point Comfort under Captain Isaac Foster in 1778 called out by the Colo. Commandant Sir John Peyton. For twenty-one days in 1779 I was on duty at G. Ct. House under Captain Robert Gayle after the lapse of a fortnight I was called to Gloucester Ct. House again and was on duty twenty-one days under the same officers – in the same year I served twenty-one days at Point Comfort under Captain Peter Barnett – after about three weeks we were called to the same place in consequence of the arrival of the British vessels & served thirty-one days at that place under Captain Armistead Smith, while there we were called on to go to G. Ct. House I was on duty there twenty-one days – from there marched with those who volunteered under Captain P. Tabb and Houlder Hudgins to go to Richmond at the time Arnold [Benedict Arnold] went up James River I served three months in this tour in going to James Town and other places around and being stationed at Williamsburg – For two months in the early part of 1781 I served under Captain John Billups at little York – For one month and fifteen days I served under the same officers – we were called out each time by order of the Colonels – I do not recollect positively the number of the Regiment – I think it was fifty two – it was the Regiment of militia for the County of Gloucester, I was a private during my whole service, and for such service making in all ten the months and ten days during the Revolutionary War I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1833

S/ John N. Sale, JP

The Affidavits of William Diggs and Joseph Smith both of lawful age, made in Mathews County to accompany the declaration of Josiah Pugh made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 to which he has now added an amended declaration –

These Affiants being first duly sworn deposed and say that they were acquainted with Josiah Pugh before he entered into the service, that they served with him in the Revolutionary War, that he belonged to Captain Josiah Foster's Company composing part of the Regiment of militia for Gloucester County commanded by Colonel Sir John Peyton, that he was with them on duty at Williamsburg, James Town, Hubbard's old field, Ware Church, Leuwallens old field, and Gloucester Town – he entered the service in 1778 and was discharged with the rest of the Gloucester troops in October 1781, he might have served a little on guard at Point Comfort afterwards of that these cannot speak these affiants have heard the declaration made by Josiah Pugh this day and they believe he served fully as much as the periods therein mentioned and that during those periods he was not employed in any civil occupation, that he was on duty by order of the Colo of the Regiment and further these affiants say not.

*William Diggs*  
*Joseph Smith*

[f p. 8: On July 24, 1848 in Mathews County Virginia, Avy Pugh, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Josiah Pugh, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died March 15, 1848; that she was Avy Hudgins and married Josiah Pugh in the month of December 1791; that they were married by Parson McBride. She signed her application with her mark. She submitted a family Bible in support of her claim in which is an entry indicating that their first child Nancy was born August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1793.]

[f p. 10: On July 24, 1848 in Mathews County Virginia, Archibald Hudgins, 83, gave an affidavit in support of his sister's claim stating that he is about 18 months older than his sister who married Josiah Pugh in 1791 in the month of December. He signed his affidavit with his mark]

[f p. 13: On August 8, 1857 in Mathews County Virginia, Ann Thomas, Sarah Pugh and William E. Pugh gave testimony that they are the heirs at law of Josiah Pugh, deceased and his widow Avy Pugh, also deceased.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.44 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 14 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]