

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Salmon W5980

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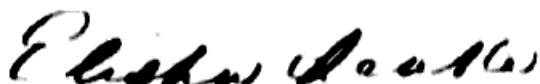
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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 19th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting John Salmon a resident of the said County and State aged seventy-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 7, 1832.

That in the early part of the Revolutionary war, he cannot recollect the year, in the spring season he was drafted from the militia of the said County of Goochland, and marched a private in the company of Elisha [indecipherable name]¹ and Regiment of Colonel Fleming marched into the Eastern part of the state – served at James town and the adjacent country 2 months and was discharged, was in no battle – recollects no other regiments. At [indecipherable word]² Creek Colonel Fleming ordered some of the veteran soldiers out to watch the British lines and they refused to go. That while the prisoners of war were at the Albemarle Barracks in the winter season, the year not recollected he was again drafted from the militia of the same County and marched to that place, as private in the company from Goochland under Captain Wm H. Miller [William H Miller], served at the Barracks in guarding the prisoners two months and was discharged. Taylor [Francis Taylor] was Colonel, saw some state troops recollects no event of note. That he cannot recollect the date of his next service but in the spring of the year he was again drafted from the militia of the same County and marched a private under the same Captain to the same place – served at that place in the same duty forty days and was discharged. Taylor was still Colonel and he saw the same state troops, recollects the prisoners getting various weeds from the flats for salad. That in the spring of the year in which Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] he was again drafted and marched as a private in the militia from the same County under the same Captain Miller first to Richmond crossed James River at Westham [?], marched thence to Shirley hundred and again crossed the River – marched thence to Sandy Point thence to the Mobbing Hills [Malvern Hills] to Holt's forge and to the Cabbin poing [Cabin Point] and remained there some time – served 3 months and was discharged at Richmond saw the enemy at Manchester saw them galloping about after cattle and burning the warehouses General Lafayette the commander, and they were drawn up for battle, the militia were ordered to fire and retreat

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The War Department interpreted this name as "Elisha Leake."

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behind the regulars, the cavalry brought in some prisoners with the blood dripping from their heads. At Cock's landing he saw a ship blown up by the enemy. His Regiment was drawn up on the hills and the enemy fired on them from the opposite side of the River – at first the balls passed over their heads and then they fell short and the Colonel picked up one of them. At Cabin Point Muhlenberg commanded. That Morris was Colonel and Armistead he thinks was Major. He saw the Marquis's Army and many militia from other counties particularly from Buckingham. That he never had a written discharge and has no documentary evidence. That he can prove his service by John Clements³ and Thomas Poor⁴ and his character would refer to the Reverend Lewis Chandoin and William Ford Esquire. 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 or territory.

To Question 1st he replies in Goochland County Virginia February 1754

To Question 2nd. I have no record of my age

To question 3rd. I have always lived in Goochland County

To Question for – I was always drafted

To Question 5th. Answered to the satisfaction of the Court

To Question 6th I never received a written discharge

To Question 7th. Reverend Lewis Chandler & William A Ford

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Salmon



[Lewis Chandoin, a clergyman, and William ford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the said County John Clements a citizen of the said County, aged, as is supposed, Eighty years, and as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn depose and saith That during the revolutionary war with Great Britain he served several tours in the Militia with John Salmon and was frequently in the same mess under the same officers, That he well recollects serving with him under General Muhlenberg at Cabin Point; and under Colonel Morris when the British cannonaded and blew up one of our ships above Turkey Island, that he also served with him under Captains Smith and Miller – And that he also recollects being with him under Colonel Richardson and Colonel Taylor at the Albemarle Barracks guarding the prisoners of war – And that he has no doubt, but John Salmon served more than six months in the Militia of Virginia, but is willing to say six months positively.

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th September 1833 before me

S/ William A Ford, JP

S/ John Clements, X his mark

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for said

³ FPA S12511

⁴ FPA S11254

County Zachariah Alvis⁵ aged seventy-five years as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That he served a tour of duty in the Militia of Virginia during the revolutionary War with Great Britain, with John Salmon, under Colonel Fleming [Charles Fleming] that they marched from Goochland Courthouse to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills], below Richmond, from thence to Holt's Forge, from thence to Charles City Courthouse, where many of the men were killed – from thence to Sandy Point where they took a good many prisoners of War. They were regularly discharged at Cabin Point, but does not recollect the name of the officer that discharge them.

S/ Zachariah Alvis, X his mark

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State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the said County Thomas Poor a revolutionary state pensioner, aged eighty-one years and a citizen of said County and as appears to me a credible person and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That he was well acquainted with John Salmon during the revolutionary War with Great Britain and that at one time he and John Salmon belonged to the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Pleasants he thinks in the year 1780 or 1781, and that the said John Salmon was present when he Thomas Poor was severely wounded in an action with the enemy at Cedar Point, that owing to his wound, that he cannot say positively whether John Salmon served longer than one Tour, but recollects his serving the 1 Tour.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th September 1833 before me

S/ William A Ford, JP

S/ Thomas Poor, X his mark

[f p. 5: on May 8, 1843 in Albemarle County Virginia, Mrs. Sarah salmon, 83, filed for a Widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Salmon, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the County of Goochland about the year 1783; that they were married by I Ford; that she has remained a widow since the death of her husband in February 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: In 1783 in Goochland County, the veteran married Sarah Carden. They had the following children:

Thomas born July 24, 1783 died May 19 1796

Elisabeth born July 11, 1786

Polley born June 19, 1787

Jane born April 17, 1789

John born May 25 1793 died August 23, 1797

Robert born October 11, 1796

Prudence born June 21, 1799

William born June 20, 1801

James born October 20, 1803

Benjamin V. born February 14, 1806

Betsey Salmon and Benjamin Johns had 2 children:

Elizabeth Wright S. born October 22 1806

⁵ [Zachariah Alvis S8015](#)

John Werner born October 5, 1808]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]