

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob St. John W6178

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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

On this 3rd day of September 1832, personally appeared before the County Court of Charlotte, Jacob St. John, a resident of the said County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, aged 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 the provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served as herein after stated – he served under three separate engagements,

1st in what was called the minute service. He enlisted under Captain Thomas Collier in the County of Charlotte where he then resided & where he has resided ever since with the exception of a few years that he resided in the County of P. Edward [Prince Edward] an adjoining County and marched to Petersburg in Virginia and remained there about a week from there in Company with several other Companies we marched to Cobham on James River nearly opposite to old James Town here we remained but a short time & marched to Gwins Island [Gwynn Island] on the Chesapeake Bay under the Command of Colonel Haynes Morgan of Halifax County Virginia, where there was stationed a considerable body of militia watching the movements of the British fleet, then lying in the Bay under the command of Governor Dunmore at Gwins Island we remained two or three months, and marched from there to a place called Cherry Point on the Potomac River. There was no other Company at that place except Captain Collier's and the Company from Halifax under the command of Captain Thomas Rogers. They remained here not more than a week or ten days and marched back home in the County of Charlotte without being discharged, we remained at home about two or three weeks and were called out to march against the Indians and were furnished with rifles, Captain Collier being sick we marched under the command of Lieutenant Douglass Watson to the big Island upon the Holston River called the long Island. The Company from Halifax County under Captain Rogers & the Company from Lunenburg County under he thinks Captain Bates marched with us, he does not recollect what time in the year this was, that he recollects that the weather was warm, & they remained at the Island until about four weeks before Xmass [sic, Christmas?] while there they were under the command of Colonel Haynes Morgan – we were not discharged until we got back to the County of Charlotte they were there discharged by Captain Collier – his discharge he has lost. In this service he thinks he was engaged about seven months.

2nd. He was discharged from the minute service in the winter, and the next Spring the 1st day of March, the year he does not recollect, he enlisted under Lieutenant Clayton a recruiting Officer, for one-year in what was called the regular service and marched to Williamsburg & soon put under the command of Captain John Pope whose Company was

stationed at Williamsburg & remained there the whole twelve months for which he had enlisted. Colonel Haynes Morgan had command the greater part of the time. Colonel Smith however took command just before we were discharged & our discharges. The said St. John has also lost this discharge.

3rd. After he was discharged from the regular service he remained at home between two and three years sick, so soon as he got well he joined a volunteer Company in the County of Charlotte under the command of Captain William Morton (afterwards Colonel Morton) and marched to a small [several indecipherable words] Dan River in the County of Halifax, Captain Morton then gave up his company & raised a Company of riflemen, his Company was then divided between Captain Thompson of Halifax County & Captain McDaniel [?] of the same County. The said St. John was attached to the Company of Captain Thompson¹ and marched under his command to Guilford Courthouse North Carolina, he was in the battle at that place [March 15, 1781]. General Green [Nathanael Greene] was the Commanding Officer – two days after the battle he was considered too feeble to continue with the Army & was allowed to return home which he did. He volunteered for six weeks and served something longer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jacob St. John, X his mark

[Elijah Collins, a clergyman, and Thomas North gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia, Charlotte County, 29th of August 1832

Thomas Harvey, (BW) came before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & being first sworn, saith

That he was well acquainted with Jacob St. John in the time of the Revolutionary war, and that he enlisted under Captain Collier in the minute service for six months & that he went off under his command down the Country, towards Norfolk & that he believes he served the full term of six months at that time. And he further recollects that after that he was from home in the service for a long time, but don't know where he went nor under whom he served.

S/ Thomas Harvey (BW), X his mark

State of Virginia, Charlotte County, to wit:

The affidavit of Abram St. John Senior of lawful age taken before made this 23rd day of August 1832. The affiant being first sworn saith, That he recollects well that Jacob St. John was in the service in the Revolutionary War three separate times, that first he was in what was called the minute service, but cannot say how long he served – that afterwards he was in the regular service, he believes twelve months – & that afterwards he volunteered & was in the service at the battle of Guilford in North Carolina.

S/ Abram St. John, Senior, X his mark

[f p. 15: On September 11, 1838, in Charlotte County Virginia, Agness St. John, aged about 75 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob St. John, late a pensioner of the United States under the 1832 act; that she married him January 16,

¹ This may be a reference to Capt. John Thompson of Halifax County, Virginia who was killed at the Battle of Guilford Court House March 15, 1781.

1787; that he died May 10, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months and 15 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]