

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Joyner ¹W7924

Sarah Joyner

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State of Virginia Southampton County

On this seventeenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County in open court for the time presiding Joshua would Joyner a resident of the said County & state aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 7th of June 1832 –

That he entered the service a militia man from the County & state aforesaid being called in service by divisions under the command of Captain Edmond Tyler & marched to Portsmouth in the State aforesaid & remained six weeks. That he served a great many tours during the war of the same length it being the time of service of that day. That he served under a Captain Vaughn of the Regular Army (as he was told) under whose command he was placed. That he marched out of Southampton with Captain Kellow [?]² & was under his command at the attack on Petersburg [April 25, 1781]. That he was at that place put under the command of the said Captain Vaughn and marched to Richmond and served in that tour three or four months. That he was detailed on duty in assisting on board the Fleet in unloading and getting guns & ammunition on shore in James River he was in the engagement at Petersburg, and marched through the Counties of Southampton, Isle of Wight – Surry, Suffolk, Nansmond, Norfolk, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Charles City, Amelia, James City and marched through several Counties not known and was discharged in the County of Culpeper. That he always went in the service when called only from the County of Southampton and served in the Regiment commanded by Major Duval at Petersburg when the attack was made on that place from the lapse of time and the many occurrences since that time he is unable to be precise as to the dates but proves by the two Mr. Love the only survivors that he knew in the service the truth of his declaration. That he was in service with several Regular Regiments but does not remember their number if he knew them. That he had one written discharge it was not customary to give the militia a written discharge. He was under the command of Captain Samuel Kellow at the Battle of Petersburg and served during the war under the command of Captain Kellow Captain Vaughn of the Regular service Captain Edward Tyler and many others not remembered. That he served almost or more than two years during the revolution at different times. That the annexed certificates will show the

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correctness of his statement.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court*

S/ Joshua Joyner, X his mark

[p 12: *]

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

He was born in the year 1758 in the County of Southampton State of Virginia where he resided when he was in the revolution & where he has lived ever since he has no record of his age.

Sworn to & subscribed for me this 6th of July 1833

S/ Joshua Joiner, X his mark

Henry Love³ deposeth in open court being duly sworn according to law that he was in the engagement at Petersburg in Virginia with Joshua Joyner and served several times with him in the revolutionary war. That he has heard the declaration of the said Joyner read and believes it contains the truth. Sworn to in open court this 17th of September 1832

S/ Henry Love, X his mark

The amended declaration of Joshua Joyner the declarant in answer to the first objection No. 5 says that it is impossible for him conscientiously to state with more precision the different times at which he served he always served as a private in the militia service and can state on oath that he was in the revolution as such at different times at least two years

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Virginia Southampton County

This day personally appeared before us two of the Justices of the peace for said County John H Pond⁴ and Elias Love⁵ who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that they were in the Service with the within named Joshua Joyner, that they believe he served more than two years therein during the Revolutionary War. That they have heard the declaration of the said Joshua Joyner read and believe it contains true statements of the Service of the said Joshua would Joyner So far as states by the said Joshua Joyner. Given under our hands and seals this __ day of __ 1832.

[not signed]

[Simon Murfee, a clergyman, and Benjamin Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Statement of Joshua would Joiner's service during the Revolutionary war as a private in the militia of Virginia

| Officers names | Place or places where service was performed | With what Corps served with & by what authority called out | Whether in civil employment or not any of the term of service | Length of Term |
|----------------|---|--|---|----------------|
| Captain Edmund | At | With the militia of the | In no civil employ | Six |

³ [Henry Love S8856](#)

⁴ [John H. Pond S18165](#)

⁵ [Elias Love S18092](#)

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| Tyler | Portsmouth in Virginia | state called out by authority | | weeks |
| Captain Samuel Kellow | On James River at Petersburg | With the militia called out by a foreign he | In no civil employ | Six weeks |
| Captain Vaughn | at Richmond & up the country above Richmond | with the militia called out as above | in no civil employ | Three months |
| Captain Joshua Nicholson | at Williamsburg & on York River | with the militia | in no civil employ | Six weeks |
| Captain not remembered | on board the Fleet & on the banks of James River | with militia sent to work in loading & unloading boats and other labor | in no civil employ | Five weeks |

Time stated

8 months 11 days

The applicant cannot state the tours as they occurred in succession & says he cannot from lapse of time & loss of memory recollect many of the captains names he served under nor the date of the period of service of the above he is certain & says he cannot for the above reasons speak with more particularity as to his service, officers &c so as to comply with the requisites of the war Department.

S/ Joshua Joyner, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me a justice of the peace for the County of Southampton by Joshua Joyner the applicant above named this 14th of September 1833. Given under my hand & not [sic] this day & date above

S/ J. D. Massenburg, JP

[p 14: On August 15, 1853 in Southampton County Virginia, Sarah Joyner, 78, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Joyner, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$28.88 per annum; that she married him November 15, 1812; that he died September 24, 1841 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Finding by the court of Southampton that the veteran died survived by Sarah as his widow and Thomas Joyner as his son.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 5 days in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]