

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Puckett W8540

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State of Virginia }
Campbell County SS }

On this first day of October 1832, personally appeared before the Subscriber, James S. Jones, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid; and by virtue of his said office one of the Justices of the County Court of Campbell County, Jacob Puckett, resident of said County, aged seventy seven years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832, in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war.

The said Jacob Puckett saith that he entered the service of the united States as a private in the militia from the County of Prince Edward Va, in the year 1777, being drafted under Thomas Flournoy; Thomas Moore Lieut; and marched from Prince Ed. to Richmond where the Company drewed their arms. Was in the regiment of Colo. Mason; from thence we marched to Williamsburg; we did not join our regiment until we reached Williamsburg. Were stationed at the College camp where we remained some time. We shortly were marched two or three miles out of town, to guard a magazine; it was then called the new magazine. Still under the command of Capt Flournoy, from thence we marched to Little York, where we remained some time under the command of Clo. Mason, where we were discharged after serving about three months. While we lay at York, the british fleet came from Elk river [in Maryland], having been [illegible word] to land their army, that fought the Battle of Brandawine [sic: Battle of Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]. His next Service was from the County of Cumberland also in the militia; at which time 1780, he served as a substitute in the place of John Woodson, drafted from that County for six months - which tour he served out in full under Captain Charles Ballow; Wm. Ballow Lieut. from Cumberland, marched to Hillsborough north Carolina; where we went under Colo. [Joseph] Spencer of 3^d[?] regement in militia. at Roodsleys mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill in SC] we joined Baron De Kalb, who Commanded under Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens was the militia General. He was at Gates' defeat near Camden [16 Aug 1780] was in the advanced guard that commenced the battle. This tour was six months. His next service was as a volunteer from Prince Ed. County, under Cap. Thomas Moore marched to Petersburg, and remained but a short time; this tour was not more than two weeks.

His next service was as a drafted militiaman from the same county; under Capt. John Bibb, who, before he left the County resigned his commission; and then we were under Capt. Cunningham. Charles Allen Colo. We marched to Yorktown, was there at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], under Gen'l Washington. This tour was about three months. He served in all 12½ months. 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 whatever. He has lost his discharges; He has no documentary testimony whatever nor no witness to his said services. He says he is not able to go to Court. [signed] Jacob Puckett

Interrogatories put to Jacob Puckett, a revolutionary soldier, by me James S. Jones, a Justice of the peace for Campbell Co. Va. & one of the justices of Campbell County Court to be annexed to his declaration, heretofore made before me.

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Prince Edward Va on the 15th Octo. 1755.

2^d. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans. There is not at present; the book where it was put down has been lost or worn out, or some of the older children have got it.

3^d. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Prince Edward County Va when called out; I lived nine years in Buckingham County, and then moved to Charlotte County, where I lived till 1821; when I moved to Campbell County, where I now live, & have ever since resided.

4th. How were you called in to service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if so, for whom?

Ans. I was twice drafted; volunteered once; and one term was a substitute for one John Woodson from Cumberland County.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. There was Colo. Skiner[?] & Colo. [Ralph] Faulkner of the rel. line, was officers at Gates' defeat; the old Gen. Baron De Kalb was killed or mortally wounded at that battle. I dont recollect many more at that place; but Gates himself, and Genl. Stevens; and my Capt. Chas. Ballow. I recollect Capt Flournoy; Colo. Mason, & others, in my first term. At the taking of Wallis [sic: Cornwallis], I recollect besides our Genl in Chief Washington, Genl [Robert] Lawson, Lay Fayette [sic: Lafayette]; Capt. Cunningham, and others. The particulars I have put in my declaration.

6. Did you receive a discharge from the services; and if so, by whom was it given; & what has become of it?

Ans. I rec'd three discharges; but the names of the officers who gave them I dont recollect. They have all been lost.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood; and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Revd Samuel Armisted, Francis Armisted, Colo. D. B. Hancock, Martin Hancock, & Henry Madison.

NOTE: In Warren County KY on 9 Oct 1840 Nancy Puckett, about 70, applied for a pension stating that she married Jacob Puckett in July 1790 [sic] in Prince Edward County, and he died 11 July 1834. With her application was a copy of the consent of Elisha Wooton for the marriage of his daughter, Nancy Wooton, to Jacob Puckett, dated 16 Mar 1791, and a copy of the marriage bond signed by Jacob Puckett and Richard Gauling dated 18 Mar 1791.