Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joshua Agee R63 fn35VA

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State of Georgia, Lincoln County

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being the Superior Court of said County & State before William N. Crawford, Presiding Judge, Joshua Agee, aged 75 years in January last according to the Register of his father which is lost or destroyed, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declarations in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated.

Sometime in the year 1776 as well as deponent can recollect there was on the frontiers of Virginia, some considerable difficulties produced by the Indians, who were excited by a Colonel Guess at their head, deponent then living in Buckingham in Virginia, enlisted under Lieutenant Edmund Peters, who was attached to Captain John Clemmons' Company, in Major Glenn's Battalion and Colonel Morgan's Regiment, who was a lawyer, said to be from Pittsylvania County. The troops rendezvoused soon after at Long Island on Holston River, a Colonel Lewis and Col. Christie [sic, William Christian], who were in advance of Morgan's Regiment and had left the Long Islands leaving wood for Morgan's Regiment to continue at that place building a fort &c until the return of their troops or reinforcement should be called for, they did proceed & built a fort and continued at said station until the return of Colonels Lewis and Christie who had brought about peace with the Indians, and they had surrendered Colonel Guess, as a prisoner to them, and was brought into the fort by them, and the troops were marched back only such as was required to guard at the Fort. Deponent having enlisted during the War with the Indians was discharged as was the Regiment principally, he having served in that campaign some over five months, he received no other pay then about 20 shillings Bounty.

Sometime in the year 1778 in the same County as well as deponent can now recollect of dates, he again enlisted for the term of one year as a guard to proceed to the Barracks at Charlottesville in Albemarle County Virginia, to guard the prisoners of Burgoyne's Army, he enlisted in Captain Thomas' Company, Lieutenant Churchwell Blakely being the under officer & marched immediately to the Barracks before stated, and on arriving there was placed under Command of Colonel Taylor, where deponent remained until the numbers of prisoners were so diminished by their taking a part with the cause of the Americans, that Colonel Taylor proposed to lessen the guard by suffering part of the soldiers to return & done so, deponent was one that was discharged at that time having served seven months and over in that tour.

Soon after which deponent removed to Henry County Virginia when a draft being made on the Militia of that County for three months men he deponent was drafted, and attached to Captain John Hamby's Company Lieutenant Tate the under officer and attached to Major Rose's Battalion, who was from Amherst County, and in his Command marched through Salisbury & Charlotte, North Carolina to Cambridge, South Carolina, where they United with General Greene's Army, who at that time was besieging the Fort at that place, which was in possession of the British, the Army remained there 15 days, after the arrival of Major Rose, and was forced to retreat without a Surrender, a enforcement under Lord Rawdon having arrived in the neighborhood, the Americans moving across Broad River, the British forces soon after took up the line of March towards Columbia, General Greene following after annoying & watching the movements of the British and at Friday's ferry, captured 50 Troop of Horse and 25 Baggage Wagons, Teams, deponent with the Virginia Militia continuing with General Greene in his march until the expiration of the term of their service they were permitted to return home without being marched back, with instructions they would be mustered out of the service at home which was not done.

Deponent further swears that all he ever received for his services was a bounty when enlisted. What the Troops were to receive he is not able to state it not being the Consideration at the time, he remained several years in Virginia after the revolution and removed to Georgia, and has resided in Various Counties in the State for 30 odd years, he now resides in Lincoln County.

Deponent is not able to prove his Services by documentary testimony, nor is he able to prove the same by any living witness, he will [indecipherable word] by the Reverend John H. Walker, William C. Stokes, and John McKinne Citizens of Lincoln County to prove his character, as well as a Citizen as a Revolutionary Soldier & the reasonableness of his claim that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State whatever and hereby relinquishes all but the present.

Sworn to in open Court the 23rd of October 1832

S/ Peter Lamar, Clerk, LSC S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

[John H. Walker, a clergyman, W. C. Stokes, and John McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Wilkes County

Personally appeared before me Gideon Cooper a Magistrate for said County and State Joshua Agee, who being by me duly sworn, Deposeth and saith in addition to his former declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the seventh of June 1832, and amendatory to said declaration Deposeth and swears that he was born in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia on the fourth day of January 1757 as well as he remembers from his father's family record of age which is lost or destroyed as he before recited, that he has no family record of his own age.

That he has in addition to his proofs before produced and transmitted to the War department been enabled to procure the testimony of Colonel Thomas Murray[1] and Mr. James Burditt: who set forth fully the claims of deponent to the benefit of the Pension Act as well as the standing of deponent for truth and veracity, who unite in the statements of the Rev'd John H. Walker, William C. Stokes & John McKinney, as the standing and veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of May 1835.

S/ Gideon Cooper, JP S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

State of Georgia, Lincoln County

Personally came before me Elijah Frazer a Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Josiah Agee, who being by me duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith in addition to his former declarations made & forwarded to the War Department and explanatory thereto, and in confirmation of the same, that he did serve as set out in his said declaration, four months in the tour against the Indians under Colonel Morgan,Captain Clemon's Company for which service he received payment in Continental Money for his bounty, and he believes for the services that tour. The second tour was an enlistment for 12 months and served seven months this service was performed entirely in guarding the Prisoners of Burgoyne, that Colonel Taylor commanded this detachment at the time: he was discharged by Colonel John Cavel with many others there being more than was required as a guard Col. Taylor was absent at the time, from the command; we were enlisted purposely for the guard, the service of time was provided yet deponent never received any pay and if there was ever pay given to those troops deponent has no knowledge of the fact, and he declares that he never received any pay himself.

The last Campaign deponent resided in Henry County Virginia, he thinks in 1781 in Captain John Hamby's Company and marched under Major Rose, and Joined General Greene at Cambridge in South Carolina. This was for a five months tour which he served faithfully and was discharged by his officers at home neither of his discharges he has they were lost nor did deponent ever receive a farthing

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for the tour of duty.

He further swears he is old, very infirm, unable to support himself & family by his own labor, that he has served his Country faithfully whilst it was his duty, had the law not passed to remunerate the Soldiers of the Revolution he should never have thought it was his duty to ask for assistance for such services, as he was proud that he could boast that he was one of the defenders of his Country's rights and in a small way helped to achieve her Independence, if Virginia paid her troops that served in the capacity he served it is more than deponent ever knew as he has not himself benefited, that he is not now, nor ever was, on any pension Roll had no Claim at all nor has he any but for the Services aforesaid, if others receive he believes it his right and relinquishes all other claims for services except those he now applies for.

Sworn to before made 28th of October 1835.

S/ Elijah Frazer, JP S/ Joshua Agee, X his mark

[In Lincoln County Georgia on October 20, 1855, Mary ~~Howard~~ Dawnsfiled an application on the half of herself, Clary Grim and Nancy Wynn, claiming that they are the only living children of Josiah Agee. she states that her father died in Wilkes County Georgia in December 1837 and that his wife had died in 1835. She claims that her father participated in the battle of the Cowpens as well as the siege of 96. The petition is signed by Mary Howard.]