

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jacob Eberhart S31661

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County

Personally appeared in open court, the same being the Inferior Court of said county sitting for ordinary purposes, on this the fifth day of November eighteen hundred and thirty two, Jacob Eberhart, as resident of said county in said State, aged seventy six 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 7 June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the State of North Carolina at the beginning, he thinks, of the revolutionary war under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and served two months at Fayetteville, North Carolina. John McDowell was Captain of the company to which applicant belonged, James Dunahoo [Donahue?] was Lieutenant. Applicant was discharged at Fayetteville. Applicant served his next tour at Charleston South Carolina as a militiaman. He does not recollect the precise time when he commenced this service, but thinks it was not long after he was discharged at Fayetteville. Served three months in this tour. ~~General Washington~~ Charles McDowell was the General in immediate command, Joseph McDowell was the Colonel in command of the regiment, John Holmes was Captain of the company to which applicant belonged. About three or four days after applicant was discharged, the British attacked Charleston and got possession of the city. Applicant thinks they did not remain long in Charleston—says that it was supposed there were about [? the word may be "ten"] thousand effective men in the army to which he belonged. He thinks he is quite certain that General Washington was in Charleston at least part of the time which he was stationed there. Applicant served his next tour, three months, at Camden South Carolina. Does not recollect the precise time when this tour commenced. Applicant thinks a French man by the name of Malmody [sic, Malmedy] was the General in command. He does not at present recollect the name of the Colonel. Dunahoo [Donahue?] was the Major under whom applicant served—Thomas Lydle [?] was Captain. He was in no engagement during these three months.

Applicant served his next tour three months as a Militiaman in the State of North Carolina Burke County at George Cap's Station, the main object of this regiment was to guard the frontier against the Indians. Joseph McDowell was Colonel, John Carson was Captain, Rowland Alexander was Lieutenant. He made two trips to the nation of Indians as a light horse man.

Applicant served his last tour in the State of North Carolina as volunteer. He served two months during this tour under General Charles McDowell, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Captain Lydle [?] whose given name deponent does not now recollect but thinks it was Thomas, was his captain. Applicant was at the battle of King's Mountain. Fergusson [sic, Patrick Fergusson] was the commander of the British forces & was killed at this battle. Several prisoners was taken by the Americans and carried to the Moravian Town North Carolina. This was applicant's last service. He has no documentary evidence of these services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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

Jacob Eberhart, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ William H. Smith, Clerk

Amended declaration of Jacob Eberhart

Georgia, Oglethorpe County

Personally came in open court, the same being the Inferior court of said county sitting for ordinary purposes, Jacob Eberhart and after being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1756 June, that he has no record of his age, that he was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into service, that he has been living in Georgia forty six years, that he was called into service and served six months the first time as a volunteer, the next three tours he served as a drafted militiaman three months each as specified in his declaration, his next and last tour he served as volunteer two months as he has stated in his declaration. He states the names of Jack Lumpkin, brother of the present Governor, and Brittain Stamps, to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who has testified to applicant's standing for truth and veracity and their belief his Revolutionary service. That he has named the names of as many officers as he can recollect, that in his last tour he was at the battle of King's Mountain, that he had written discharges in every instance but the same are lost or destroyed, deponent supposing that there could be no necessity for preserving them. Deponent further states that he is old and his memory bad and that in consequence of loss of memory it is impossible for him to state precisely the period or periods of the war when these services commenced or concluded. He has so far as he was able mentioned some prominent events by reference to which the war department might ascertain the year when these services were performed. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove these services. He could if he deemed it necessary refer to five hundred persons by whom he could prove his character for veracity.

S/ Jacob Eberhart, x his mark