

Pension Application of Zachariah Jacobs: W5304
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
New Hanover County } December Term 1832

On this the 13th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting Zachariah Jacobs a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina, aged seventy-nine years the 4th of October 1832 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778 in the month of October with Captain James Mills, and served in, as he believes, the eighth 8th regiment of the North Carolina line under the following. named officers: Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], Col. [Archibald] Lytle, Major Robert Raiford, Major Griffith McKee, Adjutant Curtis Ivey, Captain James Mills, Richard Fenner 1st Lieutenant, John Slade 2nd Lieutenant, Curtis Ivey Ensign at first, and Major [Reading] Blount commanded in the regiment; he left the service in December 25th 1782, having enlisted for & served twelve months; (He was drafted in 1778, while he was living in Brunswick County, NC). that when he entered this service, he resided in Brunswick County N. C; that he was in a skirmish near Dorchester in South Carolina between Gumbee Creek & Bacon bridge, it being an attack on a Row galley in Ashley River, which was upset & the men on board taken prisoners that he marched from Wilmington which he left the 10th of March 1782 (1) , through Brunswick County N.C. into South Carolina through Georgetown across Santee at Strawberry ferry, on to the Eutaw Springs, thence to a place called Round O, thence to Ashley Hill about fifteen miles from Charleston, where he was stationed and remained till his term of enlistment was out, and continued a month or two longer, then marched to Wilmington and was disbanded the week before Christmas. He served three months in the militia under Col. [John Alexander] Lillington, Captain Joseph Wood, also under Gen [John] Ashe entered in the last of 1778, that he was drafted; he resided in Brunswick County when he entered this service, was in the battle at Briar Creek in Georgia which he thinks was in February 1779 [3 Mar 1779]; that he marched out of Brunswick County through S. C. into Georgia and was surprised and defeated by the enemy at Briar Creek, this applicant made his escape home & his time being nearly out did not enter again, a great many of the Americans were drowned in crossing Briar Creek.

He was again drafted for the militia service for nine months and served a little over two. months, was in the battle at Guilford Court House [NC, 15 March 1781] and wounded in the leg, carried to the hospital and remained until somewhat recovered & then started home & on his way. was taken prisoner by the Tories and kept tied & made to go with them ten or twelve days, then. delivered to the British at Col. Brown's in Bladen County, below Carvers Creek, and took a parole from Major Craige [sic: James Henry Craig], rather than be hung or sent to the provough [sic: provost] in Wilmington; cannot recollect his officer's names; he marched out of Brunswick. County, through Bladen on towards Guilford & joined Gen Green's army beyond Big Pee Dee [sic: Great Pee Dee River] 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 Zachariah his X mark Jacobs.

NOTE: On 12 May 1857 Sally Jacobs, 91, applied for bounty land stating that she married Zachariah Jacobs in Oct 1791, that her name before marriage was also Sally Jacobs, and that. Zachariah Jacobs died 10 April 1847. Her application was witnessed by her sons, William and John Jacobs.