

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Oast VAS322

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with James Oast of Norfolk County and State of Virginia; and that he is about 74 or 75 years of age that he was a Soldier of the Revolution War in the fifteenth Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line and served three years, the term of his first enlistment, that he reenlisted under Captain David Mason of Sussex County Virginia, then under the temporary command of Colonel Morgan, at Middle-Brook, New Jersey in the month of December 1778 or 1779.

Witness my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1832

S/ Jesse Nicholson<sup>1</sup>

To his Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia [one or more lines of text obliterated and illegible except for the word Norfolk] years & upwards respectfully represents

That he was a soldier of the Revolution and served 3 years in the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental line – and that afterwards, he reenlisted under Captain David Mason of Sussex County, Virginia, the commander of the company, Regiment being then under the command of Colonel Morgan of Middlebrook New Jersey, in [text compromised and illegible except for December 1778]. That he is informed & believed that in consideration thereof he is entitled to compensation from the State, to obtain which is the object of this his petition – He begs to lay before your Excellency with this paper, the Certificate, to establish the facts above stated.

S/ Patrick Denning

for

James Oast

Certificates to establish the above facts viz. one approved by the Norfolk County court and signed by the Reverend Jesse Nicholson – postmaster Portsmouth Virginia were enclosed to his Excellency the Governor some months since

To his Excellency the Governor of the state of Virginia

James Oast of the County of Norfolk Virginia about 75 years of age respectfully represents

That he was a Soldier of the Revolution and served 3 years in the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental line, and that he afterwards reenlisted under Captain David Mason of Sussex

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S5832

County Virginia the commander of the, the the Regiment being then under the command of Colonel Morgan of Middlebrook New Jersey in the month of December 1778 or 9 – That he is informed and advised that in consideration thereof he is entitled to compensation from the State, to obtain which is the object of this his petition – He begs to lay before your Excellency with this paper, the certificates to establish the facts above stated.

The Reverend Jesse Nicholson, Post Master at Portsmouth Virginia has certified to the above facts and also other evidence has been given to the Court – Mr. Oast has constituted and appointed me his agent to ask for and receive from the State or United States – all Warrants for land, Pay or commutation pay that he may be entitled to for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Oast is in very indigent circumstances – he is infirm and not able to work for a support – I beg your Excellency will examined the above and also the certificates that he may receive what he may be greatly entitled to for his support.

[The balance of this document is illegible as posted]