

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Melton VAS642

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

Petition for Bounty Land

The Heirs of James Milton – Soldier Continental line

The name of the soldier has not been found on the Army Register.

Two credible witnesses prove that he enlisted in the regular Army for three years, and after serving some time (one witness says about two years) died from the Smallpox while in service.

If your Excellency should allow bounty land – it ought to be allowed for service of three years (the term of enlistment) as a soldier.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

April 17, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

Affidavit of Ann Bowser –

The affiant being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that she was well acquainted with James Milton, that she was a sister of his – that said James Milton enlisted in the regular Army in the County of Southampton, Virginia, under Captain James Gray, about one or two years after the revolutionary war commenced – that the affiant and her brother James both lived with their father in Southampton County at the time he (James Milton) enlisted – that she heard her father tell her mother, the evening after James had enlisted, that he had enlisted for three years, and that before James march[ed] away he came to see them all, and told his mother he had joined the Army for three years – The affiant further saith, that it was probably about two years after the Company to which James was attached had left the County, her father received a letter from an acquaintance, who went away in the same company that James Milton did, stating that James was dead – that he died of the Small Pox near Bunker Hill, and that the letter contained a pair of silver knee buckles which James had when he went into the Army. –

The affiant further saith that this information of the death of James Milton was confirmed by several who returned to the County of Southampton after the war was over. – The affiant now lives in Nansemond County Virginia and has lived here forty-two years.

S/ Ann Bowser, X her mark

I Thomas Bowser of Nansemond County Virginia, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that I

knew James Milton before the revolutionary war commenced; that I also distinctly recollect his having enlisted in the regular service under Captain James Gray during the war; that a report Cain, before the war was over, that he had died in service of the Small Pox; and that this report was subsequently confirmed by several who returned to the County of Southampton after the war was over.

S/ Thomas Bowser, X his mark