

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Starritt R10084

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State of Georgia Habersham County: SS

On the 16th day of October 1837 personally appeared before the Superior Court of said County now sitting James Starritt a resident of Captain McAfees district in said County, aged eighty-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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the first of the year 1776 with Captain Nelson in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, and served in the 6th Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Saxton, he was appointed and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant by the convention of North Carolina, and assisted in enlisting the Company. After the Company was organized, he was marched to Wilmington North Carolina where he was stationed, but was soon after taken sick and was confined for some time. When he recovered he found from his affliction & an injury he received on his leg before that time that he was unable to March on foot, and resigned his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, was in service as Lieutenant, including the time he was sick, three months, this time. He again entered the service as a volunteer light horsemen in Guilford County North Carolina he thinks in the year 1778 or 79 under Captain Daniel Gillespie & Colonel Pasely [sic, John Paisley] & John Gillespie and was stationed in the said County of Guilford frequently scouting in various directions against the British & Tories, at one time he was marched to what was called the Raft Swamps, between the Pedee & Cape Fear rivers where he had a severe engagement with the British & Tories under Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning] he was again marched into Surry County North Carolina to what was called the Hollows of the Adkin [sic, Hollows of the Yadkin River], where we took a good many Tories & remained there for some time. He was in the battle of Guilford,¹ he was also in the battle at Whitcels Mills [sic, Wetzel's Mill]², he was also at the battle of Piles Defeat [Pyles Defeat]³ in Orange County North Carolina, he served this time 2 years – and was

¹ March 15, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/guilfordcourthouse.htm>

² March 6, 1781. Also known as Whitesell's Mill and Weitzell's Mill <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_weitzells_mill.html

³ February 25, 1781. Also known as Haw River, Holt's Race Paths. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html

discharged by his Captain Gillespie. This declarant has once before made a Declaration of his services and supposes that it was sent back to Colonel Rusk, but he cannot now say what has become of them –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Answers to interrogatories propounded by the Court –

1st Was born as he was informed by his father in Cecil County in the State of Maryland he thinks from the best information he can get in the year 1751.

2. Has no Record of his age –

3. Was living in Guilford County North Carolina, has lived in Pendleton District South Carolina, & Franklin & Habersham counties Georgia, he now lives in Habersham County – Georgia

4. Was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular service & volunteered in the militia service.

5. Has stated the names of the officers & General circumstances of his services in the body of his declaration.

6. Never received any written discharge –

6. Did receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant from the convention of North Carolina but does not recollect by whom it was signed, he thinks he gave the Commission to his officers when he resigned & was discharged.

7. Is known to James West, Benjamin Cleveland, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution, he expects to prove his service by Colonel James Blair⁴ and Isham Hancock both of the said County of Habersham.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. T. Carter, Clk

S/ James Starrett



[James West, a clergyman, Benjamin Cleveland & Absalom Holcombe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Franklin County: SS: Personally appeared before me Christopher Addison a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Isham Hancock and Colonel James Blair of the County of Habersham who being duly sworn, depose and saith as follows to wit – the said Isham Hancock saith that he is well acquainted with James Starritt who is now applying for a Pension in the said County of Habersham and was acquainted with him in the time of the Revolutionary War – and saw the said Starritt in the service of the United States in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, and in Guilford County, at various other places in North Carolina. The said Starritt was under Captain Daniel Gillespie as a light horseman, he knows that the said Starritt performed considerable service in the revolutionary war – and this deponent served a 3 months tour with him under the above stated Captain –

The said Blair saith that he also was well acquainted with the said Starritt in the time of the Revolutionary War, that he saw him in Captain Gillespie's Company of light horseman, in Guilford County North Carolina where the said Starritt then lived and in what was called the Expedition & at various other times & places, and has been acquainted with the said Starritt ever since the Revolution, and believes his Declaration to be fully correct

⁴ [James Blair S22125](#)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th day of October 1833
S/ C. Addison, JP
S/ Isham Hancock, X his mark
S/ James Blair

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