

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Temple (Temples) R10451 Rachel Temple f64SC
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State of South Carolina Edgefield District

On this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord 1838, personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas for the District and State aforesaid, His Honor John B. O'Neill presiding, Rachel Temple a resident of Edgefield District in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-nine (79) years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838: "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows:[]" That she is the widow of James Temple who was a Lieutenant in a volunteer Company of Cavalry, commanded by Captain Wise -- the said James resided in Anson County North Carolina when he first entered the service, which was early in the war, and that he continued to serve as a soldier as aforesaid throughout the war of the Revolution. This Deponent believes that the said James was a Pensioner of the United States, and to the services of the said James as established by the evidence of accompanying his application for a Pension she begs leave to refer for proof to sustain her present claim. This Deponent further states that she was married to the said James on the 6th day of January 1774, that the said James removed from North Carolina during the war and after residing in Jefferson County Georgia for seven and twenty years (27) years, removed to Edgefield District aforesaid, where he continued to reside for the 14 years immediately preceding his death --: That the said James departed this life on the 6th day of September 1829, and that since his death this Deponent has continued to reside in the District aforesaid, and has ever since remained unmarried and a widow. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned before me John B. O'Neill who do hereby certify that the said Rachel is a person of credibility and worthy of belief, as I am informed and as I believe.

S/ John Belton O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Rachel Temple, X her mark

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South Carolina Lexington District

Before me Personally appeared John Jones Senior and after being duly sworn made Oath that after hearing the within Declaration of the within deposition Read that he believes the within Declaration to be true from his own knowledge of those facts & circumstances alluded to concerning the services of the said James Temple Deceased during the Revolutionary War. This deponent further saith that the said Rachel Temple is the widow & remains as such of the said

James Temple Deceased.
Sworn to before me 9th November 1838
S/ Nath'l Jones, JP

S/ John Jones, X his mark

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State of South Carolina District of Edgefield

Been requested to state what I know of the revolutionary Services of the within named James Temple I can only state that I knew him for some time in service while I was in command of a Regiment of Cavalry, 10 months State Troops [indecipherable word] the time. I did [one or more indecipherable words] he frequently served with detachments from my said Regiment on partisan Excursions and upon one of the he received some severe Saber wounds on his face below the eye which very much disfigured him he was taken to the Hospital which brought him more favorably to my notice & Placed him more strongly upon my memory having read the foregoing declaration of his widow Rachel Temple & the testimony of Mr. Jones in its support, that what is therein stated is Correct & willing to testify. Certified
29th November 1838

S/ S. Hammond¹

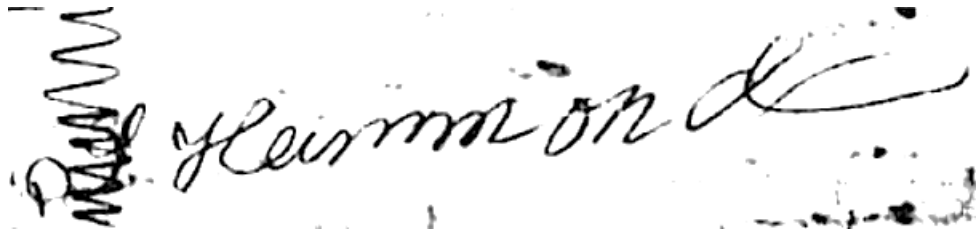
South Carolina Edgefield District:

Personally appeared before me Colonel S. Hammond who being duly sworn saith on oath that the above certificate was signed by himself and that it is correct and true.

Sworn to before me this first July 1842

S/ David G. Taylor, Notary public

S/ S. Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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To the Honorable the members of the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of James Temples, a Revolutionary Soldier most respectfully sheweth

That he served as a volunteer Soldier in the militia of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War constantly for upwards of 5 years, viz., first under Captain John Ledbetter who was under the command of General __ Weatherford he believes for about 2 years and an half in or near Charleston and between that & Savannah and in various parts of the State, that during that time he was in a skirmish near the "Sister ferry" with the British & one with the Tories on Black River besides other skirmishes. That he was then under Captain Green commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] the remainder of the time & was severely wounded in a small battle or skirmish near Charleston with the British & Tories combined in which he received seven wounds from the British horse four in the head, one in his neck near the shoulder, so very severe as to calls his shoulder & arm greatly to perish away & comparatively

¹ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

became useless within two years from that time (about 2 years before the war ended the wounds being received in May) & has remained useless ever since so much so that he never has been able to feed himself with it -- a pretty severe one in his face & another in the other arm -- That he never has received a cent from the United States -- That his discharge is lost & that he has in [his] family four small grand children and two daughters & is utterly unable by reason of his wounds to maintain himself or them & that he is very poor having no land or Negroes & but little stock, not enough to support upon & that he has no one to look to for support. He therefore prays your Honorable Body to grant him a reasonable sum from the time of his wounds to the present period, or such other relief as a poor distressed Soldier may require.

He refers for further explanation & facts to the annexed certificate & affidavits to his senator & representatives. In granting the above petition he will as in duty bound ever pray.

Sworn to before me the first November 1824

S/ Daniel Bird, C. C. P.

S/ James Temples

South Carolina Edgefield District: I do hereby certify that Matthew Baly deposed before me as follows That he was well acquainted with James Temples in the Revolutionary war & served with him in Colonel Sumter's Regiment & that the said Temples was severely wounded while in the service of his Country.

Given under my hand this first day of November 1824

S/ Jesse Blocker

South Carolina Edgefield District: We do hereby certify that we are neighbors of James Temples & we know him to be quite poor & rendered unable to support himself as we have verily believe by reason of the wounds & infirmities which disabled him & which he is said to have received and they have no reason to doubt it in the Revolutionary War, in fighting the battle of his Country.

That he is so far as they have heard an honest man.

S/ Cale Porteson [?], Lieutenant

S/ Benjamin Evans, Captain

S/ Lewis Orindor [?]

S/ Jesse Williams Lieutenant

S/ John B. Bush

S/ George Gomillion [?]

[the committee recommended the petition be granted]

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me Colonel Samuel Hammond Senior who after being duly sworn as the law directs deposeth & saith that in the year 1781 previous to the Battle of the Eutaw Springs that James Temples the husband of Rachel Temples who now makes application to the General Government for a pension in the name of her Husband, was in service under the command of Captain Richard Johnson that he was wounded in action while under the command of said Johnson, And that he also understood and it was generally believed that the said James Temple had been in service 3 years previous to 1781. That after he was wounded he was taken to a camp of his, called his Hospital, and was there for some

time, That while there he was attended by a female, whom he recognized as his wife, that she^{the}
said Rachel Temples was reputed & believed to be such, and I hesitate not to say that I believe they
were man & wife. He further states that Captain Johnson was an officer in his Regiment.

Sworn to before me this 18th October 1841

S/ Lewis Holmes, Magistrate

S/ S. Hammond

[p59: Rebecca Arrington gave testimony in Richmond County Georgia that she was present at
the wedding of James Temple and Rachel Baly by E. T. Q. Jackson of North Carolina in the time
of the revolution in the year 1778.]

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State of Georgia Crawford County

Personally appeared James Baly,² who after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he
was personally acquainted with James Temple in the War of the Revolution and that he went with
Fair Capt. [Capt. James Farr] from Anson County North Carolina under Colonel David Love for
a tour of 6 months after the Indians,³ and also after he returned from that he then went a second
Tour [tour] down the country and was under Ash [sic, John Ashe] at his defeat in Georgia on
Savannah River [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] and they all got scattered and how long
they served I cannot tell but as long as the remainder of the same company he served believing it
was 6 months being now old cannot recollect many other things but the above is a true statement
my age is now 81, this October the 18th day A.D. 1840.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October A.D. 1840.

S/ E. L. Harris, JP

S/ James Bailey, X his mark

² I cannot find any record of a veteran by this name filing for a pension and who claimed to have been at Ashe's
Defeat (the Battle of Briar/Brier Creek). <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html