

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cotrell R2350

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State of Ohio, Pike County

On this ninth day of June person appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now setting James Cotrell a resident of the County of Pike aforesaid & the State of Ohio aged ninety two years the 14th day of October 1840 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers served as herein stated he was first called out as a Militia man in the Summer of 1776 in a Militia company commanded by Capt. John Sales, he was called out in Amherst County Virginia to guard deserters from Amherst Court House to Williamsburg, was in the service of the United States something over three weeks. The captain was the only commissioned officer under whom he served that tour, was honorably discharged but had no written discharge. He was again called out in a Militia company commanded by Captain John Dawson the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign not now remembered. He was mustered in a regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor was called out about the first of September 1777 & was discharged last of October same year. He was called out in Amherst County Virginia, the company was stationed at the Court House.

He was again called into the service of the United States in a Militia company commanded by Captain Richard Ballenger, Lieutenant Thomas Jones & John Matthews, Ensign was called into the service in the County of Amherst, State of Virginia about the first of January 1781 was marched from Amherst County to Hood's fort on James River about forty five miles below Richmond. Left home the first part of January & was discharged the later part of April the following. Was stationed at the fort under the command of the above named officers. In the year 1782 in the spring this applicant volunteered in Amherst County, Va. to meet the British army & marched in a company commanded by Captain John Sales. Was in service about a week then discharged in Amherst County, Va. He was not in any engagements while in the service. He has no documentary testimony or evidence & knows of no person who has testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension as annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Cotrell, X his mark

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ Thomas Thompson, Clerk

We Benjamin Daniels & Isaac Foster residing in Pike County do hereby testify we are well acquainted with James Cotrell who has subscribed & swears to the above voucher-petition that we believe him to be 92 years of age & that he is respected & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Daniels

S/ Isaac Foster, X his mark