

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Demasters R2861

Mary Demasters

f21SC[sic, VA]

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State of Missouri County of Lafayette } SS

On this Eighth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Lafayette County in the State of Missouri James Demasters a resident of Lexington Township in the County of Lafayette and State of Missouri aged sixty-nine 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 year 1779 under Lieutenant Jordan and served in the third New Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, Captain Thomas Buckner, Major \_\_ Lewis, Colonel William Heath, attached to General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Brigade he left the service in the year 178\_\_ [last digit obliterated] after having served two years and one month at the time he entered the service he was a resident of Amherst County in the State of Virginia. He was in the battle of Charleston in South Carolina he thinks in the year 1780 in which he was taken prisoner [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780].<sup>1</sup> He thinks that he marched from Amherst County where he first enlisted to Fredericksburg thence to Petersburg thence to Charleston South Carolina and was there taken prisoner in which situation he remained until April 1781 when he made his escape and joined General Marion [Francis Marion] in the South with whom he fought at Fort Motte [May 7, 1781]<sup>2</sup> and thence to Friday's Fort [Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781]<sup>3</sup> on the Congaree River after we had taken the forte General Greene [Nathaniel Greene] arrived on the same day and I went to him and made my situation known and was by him discharged from any further service and again returned to Amherst County Virginia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension list or roll of any agency in any State.

S/ James Demasters, X his mark

State of Missouri Lafayette County court August 8 1832

Sworn & subscribed in open Court by James Demasters

S/ Young Ewing, Clerk

[p 4: On September 17, 1839, in Ray County Missouri, Mary Demasters filed an affidavit saying

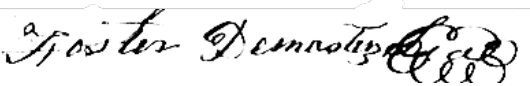
<sup>1</sup> Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fort\\_motte.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html)

she married James Demasters in 1785 (her oldest son now being 55 years of age); that her husband died March 10, 1836; at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the Army. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: on January 24 1852 in Ray County Missouri, Foster Demasters filed a claim in which he states he is a lawful son and child of Mary Demasters and James Demasters, both deceased; that he is 59 years of age; that his father died in 1836 and his mother died in 1840, he thinks and believes.

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[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]