

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ederington R3230

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State of Kentucky Trigg County

On this 8th day of April 1846 Personally appeared before me Mordica Fowler, one of the acting Justices of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid James Ederington Aged 104 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That being very old and infirm, with a memory greatly impaired, he is able to state with little correctness his Services during the war of the revolution. The Terms and Manner of entering into Service, his Corps and Company, and places of encampments, have almost entirely effected his memory. He lived in South Carolina on Broad River, Fairfield District, when called into Service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the year 1777 as well as he recollects, he was drafted, as one of the Militia, on a Tour of three months, and placed under the Command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], and Colonel Joseph Kirkland and marched on a Tour to the Florida Expedition, and marched, as far as St. Mary's River, and there we saw we had no chance to contend with our enemy, and was marched back to our former station, In a few days his Term expired and he was discharged. Sometime during that year he [was] drafted, a Second Tour of two or three months, and marched down to Orangeburg, and stationed there a short time, and was under the Command of Captain Liles & Captain Frost, Captain Hughes, at his Company was said to of, and was to serve a three months tour, as soon as one Tour would expire, he had again to draft and did draw as many as six or eight Terms, to serve as a militia, and he knows that he was in actual service, at least 18 months at various times he was discharged, but to be in readiness, when wanting. He again marched to Congaree River, under the Command of Captain Liles and Captain Pearson and there stationed for a short time, and then marched to Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and placed under General Green [Nathanael Greene], and was there in the battle, which occurred on the 15th of September 1781. In the same battle he was present, when Colonel Washington [William Washington], one of the light Horse, was taken prisoner by having his horse shot from under him and was carried to Charleston by the British. He was also present at the Congaree Fort it was blockaded, by the British, General Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], marched near and fired a Cannon, at the Fort and Tore of [off] one end, and the British [indcipherable word, looks like 'lusted']<sup>1</sup> their flag and surrendered. In a short time peace was proclaimed and he was discharged, and returned

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<sup>1</sup> *lusted*

Home to South Carolina. Question have you any reason for not applying for a Pension at an earlier day

Answer, In my former life I was able to live without it, but reduced to poverty is forced to apply for a pension.

Q. Where and in what year was you borned

A: In Stafford County Virginia in the year 1742 as he has always understood from his Father at the age of 17 he moved to South Carolina Fairfield District

Q: Where were you living when called into service of the war of the revolution and where do you now live.

A: He lived in South Carolina when called into Service, and he now lives in Trigg County Kentucky

Q: Did you ever receive a discharge, and if so, by whom was it given

A: He did receive several discharges which was given him by Liles his Captain and Captain Frost, which has been Destroyed

Q: State the names of Persons to whom you are known, in your neighborhood who can Testify to your Character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a soldier of the Revolution

A: James Mitchell & Mordecai Fowler

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of any Agency in any State that he Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Mordecai Fowler, JP

S/ James Ederington, X his mark

S/ J. R. Lewis

[James Mitchell, a clergyman, and Mordecai Fowler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]