

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Jameson R5552

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State of Virginia        } SS:  
Washington County    }

On this tenth day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the said county Major John Jameson now in the eighty second year of his age 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.

The said John Jameson states that he was born in Ireland and came with his father to the United States in the year 1763 - His father first settled in York county Pennsylvania and from there came to Augusta county in this State. In the year 1772 the said Jameson removed to Holston [River] where he has lived ever since In the winter of the year 1775 he volunteered as a militia soldier and served six months under Cap William Russell on the frontiers of this county [formed in 1777 from Fincastle County] defending them against the hostile indians and was stationed in the Rye Cove - now in Scott county and was honorably discharged. In the year 1776 he again volunteered and served as a private militia soldier under Capt. James Thompson and served two months - In and during this service he was in the battle with the cherokee indians at the Long Island flats [Battle of Long Island of Holston at present Kingsport TN, 20 Jul 1776] - And during that fall he marched as a Sergeant in a Company of militia commanded by Capt. Aaron Lewis on the Campaign against the Cherokees commanded by Col Christian [William Christian and Col. Charles Lewis, early Oct 1776] and served three months and was each time honorably discharged In the year 1777 he served one month under Col Arthur Campbell as a private in pursuit of tories on New River. In the year 1781 he was drafted for a six months tour of service to guard the frontiers against the Indians and performed this tour as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Capt Samuel Newell [pension application R7617] on the frontiers of what is now Lee and was honorably discharged - Much of this service the said Jameson says he apprehends he will not be able to establish by any living witness and there is no clergyman in his neighbourhood who knows any thing about his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John Jameson

I Benjamin Estill sole judge of the 15<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit of Virginia, comprehending the county of Washington with others do hereby certify. That I have been long, probably 40 years, acquainted with the applicant for a pension Major John Jameson; and that during all that time he has maintained a high and unimpeachable character for truth, integrity & moral worth; That I have often heard my stepfather Samuel Edmondson and Colo. Wm Edmondson his brother, persons engaged for many years in our revolutionary war, speak of some of the services performed by the applicant in that war and mentioned in his declaration, and perhaps of all of them: and that from my knowledge of the applicant, and high estimate of his worth, as well as from what I have heard in the country, I do not entertain the remotest doubt that he has performed the services in his declaration mentioned. I further certify that I have propounded to the applicant in open court the questions presented by the war department, and that his answers were satisfactory. Given under my hand & seal at Abingdon in the county of Washington aforesaid this 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1833—

Virginia

Washington county towit:

This day Thomas Magee an old Revolutionary soldier personally came before the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said county and being duly sworn, doth, on his oath depose and say That according to the best of his recollection, in the spring after the battle of

Kings mountain [7 Oct 1780] he was a militia soldier on the frontiers of Virginia guarding it against the indians in that part of the frontier called Powells valley - and that he recollects that Major John Jameson was there as an officer in the said Company - And further saith not.  
Signed & sworn to this 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1833 Thos hisXmark Magee

State of Kentucky, Pulasky [sic: Pulaski] County Sc.  
This day [28 Dec 1833] personally appeared before me a justice of the peace of the County & State aforesaid, Samuel Newell Sen'r. and after being duly sworn, testified as followeth, viz. that he was intimately acquainted with Major John Jameson during the revolutionary war; that he knew him ever faithful to the cause of his country, and willing to support it by his personal services, but though they were citizens of the same County, their places of residence were upwards of twenty miles apart, and at this distant period of time, I am unable to ascertain any particular towers of duty, till the year 1781, in which he acted as a Lieutenant of a horse [company] under the command of this deponent, and during that time, conducted himself as a good officer, and to the satisfaction of said deponent, and further this deponent saith not.

[In response to a request for records of the service of John Jameson, the Virginia Land Office provided the following record of Lt. Col. John Jameson (pension application R15404):]  
Council Chamber, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1783.

I do Certify that Lieutenant Colonel John Jameson is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry on Continental establishment for Military service from June 13<sup>th</sup> 1776 to this day;

Benjamin Harrison

Thos. Meriwether

Warrant for 6000 acres issued to John Jameson  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Va. L. Office, Richmond, Jany 21, 1834

I do certify the foregoing to be a copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office.

Teste, S. H. Parker

Washington county towit:

This day came before me a justice of the peace in and for said county Captain James Vance [pension application S7782] now in the seventy fifth year of his age and being duly sworn doth on his oath declare and state that he is and has been for a great many years well acquainted with Major John Jameson of this county who was a soldier during the war of the Revolution. This affiant recollects that said Jameson was on the Campaign against the Cherokee Indians conducted under the command of Colo Christian. He also recollects that they set out on the campaign in latter part of August and that while in the Cherokee nation, there was severe frost. This affiant has no doubt but Major Jameson served at least three months on that Campaign. This affiant saw Capt Sam'l Newell after he returned from his tour of service on the frontiers in Powells Valley and recollects very well to hear him speak of said Jamesons being with him on that tour.

Sworn to and subscribed this 6<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1834

[signed] James Vance

[The following claim clearly confused the record of a different John Jameson. Capitalization and punctuation partly corrected.]

the declaration of Mrs Margaret Hayter, one of the Children of John Jameson a Solder of the Continental Line from the State of Pensylvania In the 3d Regiment Commanded by Collo. Butler, In Order, to Obtain the Bennefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 respectfully showeth, that John Jameson during his natural life, made application to the pension office for pension, but In Consequence of Insufficiency of proof of service, the Application stands at this time suspended,

State of Virginia } SS.

County of Washington } On this 3d day of November 1853 personally appeared in Open Court, before the honorable Court now siting, Margaret Hayter a resident of said County of Washington and State of Virginia, Aged fifty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to

Law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the bennefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832, that her Father, the said John Jameson, entered the service of the United States (under what particular officer she cannot say, that he enlisted in the Continental line for during the War, in the State of Pennsylvania that he belonged to the 3d Regiment commanded by Collo. Butler, that he served to the peace of 1783, and that he never re[ceive]d pension under any act of Congress nor is his name inscribed at any agency in the United States for paying pension, that the said John Jameson was married to his wife Nancy Hayter in the year 1780, that they had the following children Susanah Jameson died left one child, Mary Jameson died left two children, Jane Jameson died left two children, Ann Jameson died left four children, Sally Jameson died, Margaret Jameson now Margaret Hayter, William Jameson died left two children, Patsy Jameson now Patsy M'Haffy [probably Patsy McAfee], John Jameson died left eight children, Edward H. Jameson died no issue that all the children of the said John Jameson and Nancy his wife are dead except his two daughters Margaret Hayter and Patsy M'Haffy, and that the said John Jameson depated this life in the County of Washington on the 9th day August 1837, and that his widow, the said Nancy, died in the County aforesaid on the 11th day of April 1839, and under the Act of the 7th of June 1832, the aforesaid heirs claim pension in proportion to service, to wit, from the 4th day of March 1831 up to the 9th of August 1837, and under the 3d Section of the Law they further claim in right of the widow from his death up to the time of her death, on the 11th April 1839. And they further claim bounty land 100 acres or more in right of said service, he having enlisted for during said war, that they have heard the said John Jameson say that he was a grade above a private soldier, but what they cannot say - they only ask what may seem right and just under the Law.

Margaret herXmark Hayter

NOTE: In Washington County John Jameson received the following recommendations for commissions: 16 May 1781 as Lieutenant; 21 Mar 1783 as Lieutenant in the company of Captain Russell; 19 Nov 1783 as Captain. Summers, L. P. *Annals of Southwest Virginia 1769-1800*, Abingdon VA, 1929.