

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pursley R8528

Sarah

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State of Georgia Chattooga County: On this the 23rd day of September 1851, personally appeared before me \_\_ a Justice of \_\_ in and for the County and state aforesaid, Sarah Pursley, who being sworn according to law saith that she is the widow of James Pursley, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary [War] -- that she married the said James Pursley on the 19th of April 1792, and York District South Carolina (she thinks then called by some other name, perhaps Trion) that they lived together as man & wife until the death of James Pursley, which took place on the 19th of January 1819 -- that she has never married since, & is still a widow. She further says that she does not know the time her husband James Pursley entered the service -- thanks he served under both Colonels Bratton & Love in South Carolina, in the lower part of South Carolina about Port Royal – Four Holes, Bryar Creek [sic, Brier Creek] & Salt Catches [sic, Salkehatchee]. She further states that she thinks James Pursley served 2 or 3 tours of duty amounting, in all to 2 or 3 years -- as reference to the muster rolls will more fully show. She furthermore states that her husband never drew any Pension or bounty from either the United States or South Carolina during his life, & that he received no pay from the Government for his services but Continental money, which all know was worthless.

She further states that she has not drawn any Pension herself since her husband's death that she is now old & feeble, & trust that her country will reward the widow of a faithful soldier.

S/ Sarah Pursley, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 23rd of September 1851 -- And I furthermore certify that I am well acquainted with Sarah Pursley, & know her to be the identical person described in the foregoing Declaration.

S/ Robert Early, JP