

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Turley S11585

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State of Virginia } SS

County of Cabell }

On this [?]th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Court for the County of Cabell, James Turley, a resident of the said county & state of Virginia, aged about 78 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 17 , with Capt Cummins at New London in Bedford County [now Campbell County VA] for the term of two years, that he was then marched to Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] Barracks and attached to the company commanded by Capt John Chapman, and marched from there to Frederick town Maryland, guarding the British prisoners [late 1780], returned by the way of Winchester Va crossed the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] mountains to the Monongalia [sic: Monongahela] River, and there descended by water to the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville, May 1781] - where he was stationed during his time of service. the Troops was there commanded by General [George Rogers] Clark, Joseph Crockett, Major Wales [sic: George Walls] his Captain was killed during the service on Bare Grass [sic: Beargrass Creek at Louisville]. that after serving upwards of two years he was discharged, at the Falls of Ohio - which paper he retained for many years but is now mislaid or lost - That he resided in the County of Bedford at the time of his enlistment

He hereby relinquishes his every claim Whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state
James hisXmark Turley

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

James Turley. Served 2 ys. in the Virginia Line under Capt Chapman Col. Crockett & Genl Clark.

I the undersigned James Turley in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War make the following redeclaration of my Revolutionary Services.

I dont exactly know my age having no record of it but from traditionary evidence I believe my self to be about 81 years old. I am a native of Pennsylvania. When a child my Father removed near Lynchburg Va. I lived there during the war. I settled in this region of country about 30 years ago. - Some time during the war of the Revolution (I am unable to say in what year. Could not say at the time of makeing my original Declaration) I was enlisted for two years in Bedford now Campbell County by Capt Alexander Cummings a recruiting officer. Shortly after my enlistment about 30 men recruits of Capt. Cummings marched from Campbell to the Albemarl Barracks. at the time of their marching I was sick but in a few days thereafter I followed on - on getting to the Barracks I was attached to Capt. John Chapman's Company. Browning was Lieutnant. Col. Joseph Crockett commanded the station. In a month or two after my getting to the Barracks the Prissoners were marched from that place to Frederick town Md. on getting to Frederick town our Regt. under the command of Col. Crockett, I think about 1100 men, marched across the Alleghania Mountains to Fort Pitt where we took water and descended the River to the falls of the Ohio and joined Genl. Clarks army at that place. I remained in actual service there until my time expired and the war was over [sic: Cornwallis had surrendered]. got a written discharge which has been lost for many years. & thus ended my service. I know of no one living by whom I can prove my services. I have an elder Brother living in Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha] County by whom I can prove that I enlisted as before stated & was absent for two years & upwards... he was not in service with me. I served under Capt Chapman all the time. he was killed a few days before my time was out by a party of Indians near the Falls - Mr. Laidley & Mr. Samuels wrote my Declaration. I gave them same statement in substance now given they charged me nothing. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe by name August 27, 1835

Witness James M. McComas
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Note. this man sustains a good character

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