

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Laffoon S13694

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State of Kentucky  
Fayette County Sct

On this tenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Fayette county being a court of record, James Laffoon a resident in said county & state, 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered in the army of the United States in the year, he thinks, of 1779 with Capt Sill Walker [Sylvanus Walker], as a substitute for one James Thompson, & served three months, in Col John Glens [John Glenn's] regiment under Genl Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens]. He then substituted for Jerry Morgan under Capt Thomas Threadgill, in the same army, for three months - at the end of that time he was put under Capt Isaac Webb of the Virginia line say from 3 to nine [see note below] — this was after the defeat of Genl [Horatio] Gates near Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. He then went under Capt James Harrison, under Gen'l Robt. Lawson & remained in his company till after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781]. John P. Wagnor was his major at the Seige of York. He thinks his whole service was about two years in the militia & regular service & not less that eighteen months. — while first engaged he was in Genl Gates' defeat - but was not at Guildford Courthouse [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], owing to being detached driving six hundred hogs, under Capt Isaac Webb. He does not recollect to have rec'd any discharge or if he did it is lost long since —

He was born & raised & first entered service in Lunenburg County Virginia. He belonged mainly to the Southern army till he went to the Seige of York.

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

He now lives in Fayette county Kentucky & has resided there for about twenty seven years.  
[signed] James Laffoon

I Simon Laffoon do state that I am a younger brother of the above named James Laffoon & know that he went on three or four different tours in the army during the Revolutionary war & some several months each tour. I cannot say how long altogether, but a good while.

[signed] Simon Laffoon

NOTES: The company of Isaac Webb included militiamen who had been sentenced to eight month's service under Continental discipline for fleeing at the Battle of Camden. See the pension application of James Hopkins (W3553).