

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lynn S13817

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State of Alabama Morgan County: Orphants [sic, Orphan's] Court Special Term November the twentieth 1832

On the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court before the Judge thereof now sitting James Lynn a resident of said County of Morgan and State of Alabama of sixty-eight years of 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit -- he entered the service as a volunteer on the 15th of November 1779 under Captain Summers – Colonel Malmede [sic, Malmedy] a Frenchman and General Butler [John Butler] on a Tower [Tour] of three months but was discharged on the 6th February following to take my father home [who] was sick with the yellow fever and hauled him home in a wagon, on the first of March 1780 I volunteered under Captain Simmerson [sic?] and Major Heannis [sic?] and marched to Charlestown¹ and was there taken Prisoner and paroled in June and again entered the service about the first of August following I was in the battle of the hanging Rock² under the Command of Captain Foster Colonel Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- I was under the command of Captain Miller and General Sumter at Sumter's Defeat³ which battle I was then. In October 1780 I was again under the command of Captain Foster Colonel Davie, and General Morgan and was in the Battle at the time that Rugely⁴ was defeated. I was also under the command of Captain Foster in an engagement in which we defeated a Tory Colonel named Tines and in an engagement under Captain Foster and Lieutenant Walker Ensign Heaunton [sic?] and defeated a Captain Cook in April 1781 I was commanded by Captain Foster Colonel Davie and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was in the Battle at Camden⁵ and in August of the same year I was in the

¹ The City of Charleston was surrendered on May 12, 1780.

² August 6, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm>

³ August 18, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishingcreek.htm>

⁴ This is probably a reference to the engagement at Rugeley's Mill on December 4, 1780.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm>

⁵ The Battle of Hobkirk Hill occurred on April 25, 1781, near Camden South Carolina.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

Battle at the Eutaw Springs.⁶ I was after this time ordered about the first of November to guard a public store where I served until the January following being 1782. I was dismissed from service at this time he was a citizen of Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina when I entered the service and the chief of the marching I done was through the Country where the engagements was fought which I have described and he also states that he has no documentary evidence of his service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Questions propounded by the Court and answered by the applicant

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

He was born first of October in 1764 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none my father had a record in a family Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in Mecklenburg County when I entered the service and continued there until I was twenty-two and then I moved to South Carolina Pendleton district and lived in said County three years and moved to Greenville and lived about five years and moved to Buncombe County North Carolina and lived there about six years and from there to Henderson County Kentucky and lived there about eight years and this seven months and then I moved to Maury County Tennessee and lived there about one year and a half and from there to Madison County Alabama and lived there about 2 years and moved from there to Morgan County in this said State and lived there ever since to the present date --

Answer to the 4th Interrogatory is answered in my declaration

I have answered the 5th question in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- I never received but one discharge and that was given by Captain Summers & by him and General Butler at the time I was discharged from the 3 months tower I volunteered -- said discharge has been lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I can prove by David Morrow⁷ some of my service and as to character etc.

S/ James Lynn

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day above.

S/ M. M McKenzie, Clk

Personally appeared in open Court David Morrow a citizen of Lawrence County State of Alabama and made oath that he knew said James Lynn at the time he was out in the 3 months tower he has mentioned in his declaration and I knew him when he was in the service at the time he was taken at Charlestown as mentioned in his declaration and believe he served as he states in his declaration I will state further I knew him in the service at Sumter's Defeat and several other places.

⁶ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

⁷ [David Morrow S7253](#)

S/ David Morrow

[James H. Gillespie, a clergyman, and M C Houston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Amended Declaration of James Lynn in order to obtain the benefit of the By act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Alabama Morgan County: On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Orphans Court of said County of Morgan State of Alabama now sitting James Lynn a resident of said County of Morgan State of Alabama who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his original declaration which was filed in the Orphans Court of said County of Morgan on the 20th day of November 1832 he states that in the first tower of duty which he describes in his original declaration that he entered the service as a volunteer on the 15th of November 1779 and was discharged on the 6th of February 1780 being 9 days less than 3 months under Captain Summers -- the 2nd tower of duty mentioned in his original declaration he entered on the first day of March 1780 as a volunteer under Captain Simmerson and Major Heannis and was paroled the 4th of June 1780. And [indecipherable word] entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Foster Colonel Davie and General Sumter on the [illegible] of August 1780 and served as stated in my declaration with different officers therein mentioned until the first of January 1782 at which time I received a discharge from the Commissary of the Public Store which I was then guarding which officer was named John Gilbreath which discharge has been lost long since that he received no other written discharge from service at any time but was dismissed in the way mentioned in his original declaration and the applicant states that the above service was one year 10 months and 20 days which he served and for which he claims a pension. He states that he cannot prove the service which he performed by any living witness except said David Morrow who was before sworn and whose affidavit is attached to his original Declaration and from that age and the great distance which said Morrow resides from this applicant he could not procure his evidence again without great expense and great [indecipherable word] this applicant believes he has answered all the objections of the War department to his original Declaration. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. M. Mackenzie, Clerk O. C.

S/ James Lynn

[the following is heavily corrected as to spelling]

State of Mississippi Itawamba County [sic, Itawamba County: To the war department to your honorable body Dear Sir by certifiable information I understand that there has been a letter sent to the town of Somerville in the State of Alabama to James Lynn who was a soldier in the revolutionary war who proved his services in thirty-three coming on the 4th of March 1831 and this letter was directed to James Lynn or his administrator which there is none and this letter has been taken out of the office and sent to the State of Mississippi to Isaac Holmes son-in-law of James Lynn who from the best information that I can get has tried to fix the papers to draw the money without my knowing anything about the matter which I am a son and the only son of James Lynn and I humbly ask your honorable body to give me information if there is anything acoming -- how I may proceed my father moved with me from Alabama to this State and remained with me until his death in the State of Mississippi Itawamba County. I also have in my possession his old original certificate which he left when he died which is signed by Lewis Cass Secretary and JL Edwards Commissioner of pensions. Write to me soon as possible and you will

much oblige your humble servant direct your letter to Pleasington P O Mississippi Itawamba County and to William Lynn of the same County and State, yours with respect this the 10th of September 1754

S/ William Lynn to the war department at the City of Washington

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$74.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months and 9 days service in the revolution.]