

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Twyman S14739

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On this 4th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for Scott County Kentucky at his residence James Twyman aged seventy-one the 17th [?] of June last & a Citizen of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath made the [following] declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of the 7th of June 1832 passed by Congress, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was during the revolution a citizen of Virginia and of Albemarle County & is now seventy-one years of age since 17th [?] June last, that he has no register of his age – that late in the year 1780 he cannot recollect the day nor the month, he was called upon & marched to the service of the United States as a militia man under the command of Captain Wm Dalton [William Dalton] against the British foe, then invading the lower part of Virginia he was marched to Richmond in the first place, whence Captain Dalton returned home on furlough & the command of his company devolved on Lieutenant Rhodes, who commanded during the balance of the campaign – the company then marched down & crossed James River, then marched down to Cabin Point when they received intelligence that the British had embarked gone off & after a short stay they were discharged & returned home after a tour of upwards of sixty days say about seventy days but cannot be positive as to the precise number above sixty but was a tour of sixty days –

That sometime early in 1781 he was again called upon to serve a tour of militia duty of two months which call he obeyed & marched under Captain Isaac Davis as orderly Sergeant under him & joined the main Army 30 or 40 miles above Richmond, thence with the Army & proceeded through Louisa County to the lower end of Albemarle when they received intelligence that General Lafayette had arrived with a considerable reinforcement, & then the British in their turn retreated & were pursued by the Americans from which time till the 26th of June nothing very extraordinary had taken place when the Battle of Hot water took place in which he said Twyman narrowly escaped being taken prisoner &c had to throw away his knapsack & clothes – the next occurrence of note was the Battle of James-town in which Isaac Wood was killed a distant connection of his – thence proceeded on towards Richmond & crossed James River at Westham marched towards Amelia County there was discharged no written discharge in either case – having here again served upwards of sixty days was allowed a tour of two months.

Late in the year 1781 he was called upon to serve another tour of militia duty of two months his duty was to guard the public beeves in pasture & was discharged in October about the 15th & received a credit for a third tour of duty for two months &c then moved to Kentucky. Early in the year 1783 about the 15th of February while at Bryant's Station he & Jacob Stricker was employed as Indian spies and served faithfully in that capacity until first November of the same year 1783 &c was employed by Captain Robert Johnson – making a service of upwards 14


months in all during the Revolution –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is on the Pension Roll of no State nor of the United States.

Test:

[illegible first name] Johnson

S/ James Twyman



[John T Johnson, a clergyman, and Richard M Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The affidavit of John Suggett¹ aged 82 years as to the claim of Judge James Twyman said Suggett has heard read that part of said declaration of said Twyman as respects his services in the West. In 1782 said Twyman served one tour of one month under General G. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark] in the same company that said Suggett served in this Robert Johnson's Company said Suggett further states that said Twyman was at Bryant's Stationed during the year 1783 – Jacob Stricker was one of the most distinguished of the Indian Spies in the West & was nearly always employed & said Twyman was with said Stricker as an Indian Spy in said year, but he cannot say how long. Signed this 15th of October 1832.

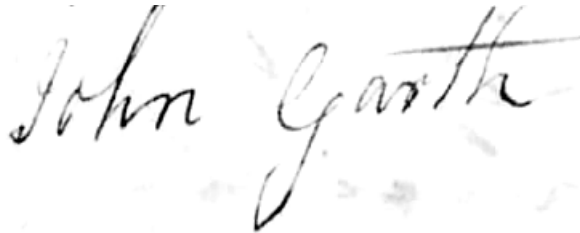
S/ John Suggitt



The affidavit of Captain John Garth² states that he has heard read the declaration of James Twyman that he served with said Twyman the second Tour of duty which he mentions in 1781 under Captain Davis & the tour was two months. They served together this tour further he knows not.

Scott County Kentucky

S/ John Garth



to wit this 15th day of October 1832

[Facts in file: veteran died February 22, 1834; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for seven months in the Virginia militia and him.]

¹ FPA S14629

² FPA S31056