

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Cunningham S1508 VA  
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State of Tennessee, } SS.  
County of McMinn }

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said county, James Cunningham a resident of said county and state, aged about 73 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 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.

That he entered the service of the United States in Augusta County State of Virginia about the middle of April 1776 [sic] he was drafted for three months to go against the Shawnee indians at the time Donly's fort was attaced by the Indians [sic: Donally's Fort near present Frankford WV, attacked 29 May 1778] his officers were Col George Moffit [George Moffett] and Capt Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan] marched to Donlys fort remained there and was frequently sent out in scouting parties and returned to the fort returned home two weeks before the three months expired was dismissed by Capt Patrick Buckhannon after having been in service two months and two weeks but got no written discharge Some time he thinks in February 1781 he was drafted for three months in Augusta County in the state of virginia his officers were Col George Moffit Captain Thomas Smith and Lieutenant Mathews Joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army at Guilford Court house N. Carolina remained with Greens army untill he was wound in the head his scul being broke by one of his own men eight days before the battle of Guilford [15 Mar 1781] then he was put under the care of an Uncle and Brother who were ordered by his officers to take him to a house of the road and take charge of him he did not recover from his wound so as to join his troops until his term of service had expired he got no discharge but his officer dismissed him

Some time he thinks about the first of September 1781 he volunteered in Augusta County Virginia for the purpose of going against Cornwallis his officers were Col John Bown [sic: John Brown] Capt Alexander from Rockbridge County followed the british on to Deep Run Church twelve miles from Richmon [12 mi NW of Richmond] from there returned home but got no discharge but was dismissed by his Col after having been in service six weeks The first tour he served two month and two weeks the second three months the third six weeks making in all seven months he never got a discharge nor did he ever get a commission never being any thing but a private soldier He was acquainted with Generals Green [Daniel] Morgan [Anthony] Wayne and [William] Campbell Captain Daney[?] and Cap Hender also with the officers he has mentioned above he has no documentary evidence he has sent on three depositions by John Blair a member of Congress from Tennessee proving his service at Guilford which he is informed was lodged in the Secretary of of wars office\* [not found in file]

\*The three persons that made the said depositions live at a considerable distance (if they be alive) and their certificates could not be again obtained without considerable expence he has no other persons that he knows of by whom he could prove his services He was born in Augusta County Virginia moved to Cumberland County Pensylvania from there moved back to Augusta County Virginia where he resided during the war of the revolution from there moved to Washington County Tennessee from there to McMinn County Tennessee where he has resided for 4 years last passed He has his fathers record of his age He was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1760 He is acquainted in his present neighbourhood with Samuel Workman Esq Capt William Brittain and James Hicky who can certify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of

the revolution He is not acquainted with any clergyman in this section of country well enough to certify for him

[signed] James Cunningham

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll fo the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1833 [signed] James Cunningham

NOTE: A letter in the file indicates that the following was sent in preparation for applying for a pension for the widow of James Cunningham, but no formal application is in the file.

State of Tennessee } We Wm Samples and Martin V. Samples certify and make oath that  
Marion County } Perry L. Cunningham widow of James Cunningham deceased, was not a  
widow in the year 1856 but that her husband the said James Cunningham died in the month of November  
1857 – Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1860

D Chaudoin

[signed] W Sampley

[signed] M V Sampley