

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Urton S15690

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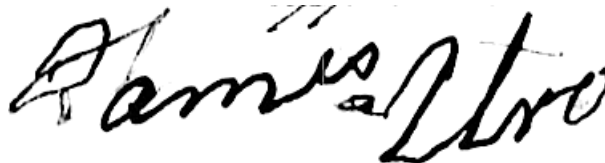
State of Kentucky, Jefferson County

On this 17th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Trammel Conn Justice of the peace in and for Jefferson County James Urton aged 82 years – who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

This declarant states that he was living in Loudoun County State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that in the month of September 1777 a draft was called in said County of Loudoun when he the said James Urton was drafted for a tour of six months and rendezvoused at Leesburg in Loudoun County and under the command of Captain Simon Hancock and Major George West was marched from said place of rendezvous across Nolan's ferry on the Potomac River, thence to Fredericks town in Maryland thence to McAlister town thence to Swede's ford on the Schuylkill River, thence to a Mill about three or 4 miles from Pennsylvania where he states he was stationed till his time of service expired when he verbally discharged by his said Captain Simon Hancock in the month of March in the year of 1778.

He further states that in the month of July in the year 1781 that he was again drafted into the service of the United States for a tour of three months and was upon taking up the line of march appointed to the office of Press Master and was ordered to take two or three men with him to hunt up beeves for the use of the Army – as at this time there was a large Army in the country for the purpose of capturing Cornwallis and provision were hard to come at for such an Army – he states that with the men allotted to him that he did go into various directions hunting beeves and as directed would drive them to the pasture of Pearce Baley in Loudoun County, where he says they were left until they were driven to the Army to the slaughterhouse for the use of the Army he states that during this said three months that he was actively and faithfully employed in procuring beeves for the use of the Army and giving certificates for the beeves pressed. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service – 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 of the agency of any State. He states that from old age and bodily infirmity that he cannot appear in open court to make his declaration.

S/ James Urton



Sworn and subscribed this 17th day of February 1834.

S/ Trammel Conn, JPJC

Answers to the interrogatories put by the Magistrate

I was born in Frederick County State of Virginia in the year of 1752 and I have a record of my age in my Bible and when I was called into the service I was living in Loudoun County State of Virginia and since the revolution war I have lived in Loudoun County State of Virginia – and since I lived in Jefferson County Kentucky – where I now live – and I was drafted both times into the service and on my first tour there were no regular officers and only one Regiment Commanded by Major West – on my last tour there were no officers where I served as I was employed in the country pressing cattle and I was verbally discharged on both tours once by Captain Simon Hancock and once by Captain Cannon and I will state the names of John Grove and Stanfield Jones who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a Soldier of the revolution.

[John Grove & Stanfield Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]