

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cannon S16684

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State of Missouri, County of Lincoln

On this fourth day of February, A.D., 1833, personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County, Missouri, now sitting, James Cannon, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged Seventy 8 [sic] years, who being duly sworn according to the 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 in the year 1778 or 1779, in the State of South Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Matthew Gillespie as a volunteer, and went to guard a small station called Edgehill Station [also known as Hayes Station], and afterwards removed to Duggan's Station – After the death of Captain Gillespie, he served under a Capt. William Gray, and was engaged in scouting parties against the Tories -- that he went with several hundred men under Col. Levi Casey after a large number of Tories called Cunningham's [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] Men, and followed these men several days, and until they were dispersed in a swamp in the lower part of S. Carolina and took from them horses, coats &c. He thinks he served nearly two years, principally against the Tories—and was then drafted in a company commanded by Capt. John Virgin, and crossed the Tennessee River after Indians and Tories and killed some of each. There were several hundred of our men in this expedition, all mounted and commanded by Genl Pickens, and was out this time about three months, which was in the winter season—and he volunteered under Capt. Thomas Starke, and was engaged two years and more under Said Starke in scouting parties against the Tories—that he was born in Newberry county in the State of south Carolina, the year 1762—that he did not bring any record of his birth from his father's house which he left soon after the war—that he moved soon after the revolutionary war to Robinson County in the State of Tennessee—and in the year 1797 or 1798 he moved to Christian County, and in the year 1817 he came to Lincoln County, Mo. Where he now lives—he does not recollect that he ever received any discharge from the 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.—That he knows of no person by whom he can prove directly his services in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ James Cannon, X his mark

S/ Francis Parker, Clerk

[William Coats, 62, gave an affidavit that he has lived a near neighbor of the veteran since the close of the revolutionary war and has often heard the veteran tell of his services in the revolutionary war and has no doubt that his statement is true.]

State of Missouri County of Lincoln: SS

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of June A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Lincoln, James Cannon, whose name is subscribed to the within and foregoing Declaration for a pension, who being duly sworn, depose and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for two years I served as a private, a volunteer, and mounted, under Captains Galaspie [Gillespie] and Gray for three months I served as a drafted soldier, and mounted, under Captain John Virgin; and for two years I served as a private, a volunteer and mounted, under Captain Thomas Starke making in all four years and three months, all of this time I was under the command of Colonel Levi Casey, as a Colonel and for such service I claim a pension – And according to the best of my recollection I entered the service of the United States sometime in the year A.D. 1778, and continued in service until peace was made.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the undersigned Justice of the peace the day and year above written.

S/ Charles Wheeler, JP

S/ James Cannon, X his mark

[William Coats, a clergyman, and David Hubbard, a clergyman, and James Knox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia as a cavalryman.]