

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David James S1674

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State of Tennessee Henry County

On the 10th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of that County aforesaid now sitting David James a resident of Henry County aforesaid of the State aforesaid aged about Sixty-nine years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Enoch Triplett in September 1781 under Thomas Umphrey [perhaps Captain Thomas Humphries] Captain of the Company and that he served with the said company for the term of three months, Colonel Bernaugh Commandant of the Regiment – that he does not recollect the names of any of the other officers of the said Regiment – that he started from Loudon [Loudoun] County in Virginia to Lacey's Tavern in the same County where he was mustered into the service and thence marched to Little York in the said State of Virginia and was at the siege of York at the time and during the battle when Lord Cornwallis of the British Army was captured [October 19, 1781] by the American Army under the command of General Washington & General Lafayette – from thence he marched to Winchester in the State of Virginia aforesaid and where he served three months more under Captain Humphrey aforesaid guarding of the prisoners captured at little York and where I continued until the news of the peace reached us and making in all six months of service and there we were discharged from the service and returned home –

I have no documentary evidence to which I can refer nor do I know of any living individual whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Pembrokeshire in Wales in Great Britain in the year 1764.

2. Have you any record of your age?

I have none – and I only know it by tradition from my parents.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

I resided in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia as before stated. I have lived in the State of South Carolina, Kentucky & Tennessee ever since and I now live in the County of Henry & State of Tennessee.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a

substitute – and if a substitute for whom?

I first entered the service as a substitute for Enoch Triplett and served in that capacity for the first three months and for the last three months of my service was called by draft which was guarding the prisoners at Winchester as I have before stated.

5. State the names of some regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

I have no recollection at this late period of time of the Officers connected with the Regiment other than those of Colonel Bernaugh and Captain Thomas Humphreys.

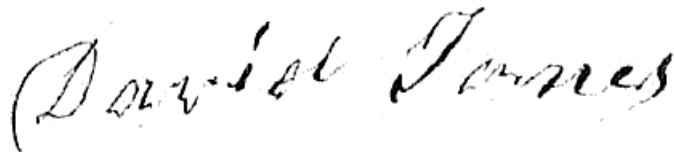
6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

I think I did receive a discharge from the service of my country perhaps signed by Captain Humphreys but am not positive; and from the length of time since getting it, I know not what has become of it, as it is now lost.

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

I refer to Stephen Nance & James W Taylor who can testify as to my veracity & their belief of my revolutionary services.

S/ David James

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David James". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Stephen Nance, a clergyman, and James W Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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