

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p2] Missouri certificate 22.348
James Fletcher of Randolph County
Private in Virginia 6 mo & 21 days
Under captain Blackwell and Colonel Pickett
Issued 17Oct1833 @ \$22.33/annum

[p3] State of Missouri, County of Randolph, scilicet
[lawyer speak for “details as follows”, synonym for to wit usually abbreviated sct]

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Hons. A. Shoemaker, John Dysart, & John Viley, the justices comprising the County Court of Randolph County, state afsd. James Fletcher, a resident of the Township of Sugar Creek in the County of Randolph & state of Missouri afd. aged 75 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein states. To wit: Col. Martin Pickett, Frank (Francis) Triplett was either Major of the line or Adjutant to the regiment. Capt, Saml Blackwell, Lieut. John Hataway. He entered the service a volunteer in the Virginia state troops or militia whatever it may be called at all events. He was a volunteer for a three months tour from ~~the county of Fauquier~~ County in the state of Virginia afd. Under the officers aforesaid. He entered the service for the above term of three months ↑Oct. 5. 1777↓ the next day after the battle of Germantown whenever that might have happened and joined the main army the next day after the above battle as he thinks at Washington’s headquarters for frequently the commander in chief there (that is to say in an encampment not far distant from Philadelphia)

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He resided in the afd. County of Fauquier in the state of Virginia afd. When he entered the service of the country as aforesaid. As also did all his officers with whom he entered the said service. He was in no battle on this tour, but the battles of the Red Bank and Mud Bank happened while he was on this tour and while he was at the aforesaid camp near Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania. The above regiment in which he served he does not recollect the name or number of but it was joined to the 3rd Virginia regiment of regulars the day after the said battle of Germantown and which regiment did & performed the same duty as the regulars did. He does not recollect any of the regular officers names that he served with on this tour but that of Washington. He marched through Maryland & Frederick Town therein and then next as he thinks through a part of Pennsylvania. He served out the said three months tour and then got his written discharge from Col. Pickett & went home the 9th or 10th of Jany. 1778 which discharge he has long since lost as he never expected it would be of any use to him, never expecting to get any pay for his services. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person by whose testimony he can procure for that purpose. He entered the service for the above tout in the fall season of the year and returned he believes in the ensuing winter thereafter.

2d. He entered the service for a second tour of three months he thinks the next

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Fall after the aforesaid tour from which he was discharged on the first of October 1778. He is not sure as to the exact time. His officers names on this second tour were Armstead Chuchwell Col. of the Reg. he served in. Major's name he has forgotten. His Captain's name was John Ball. Lieutenant's name forgotten. Ensign's name forgotten. He lived in the afd. Fauquier County & state of Virginia afd. When he entered on this second tour of duty & also entered a volunteer into the militia service. The said regiment marched down to some station on the Potomac River. He was in no battles on this tour. He was taken sick and therefore was not able to _____ events at the time nor move to recount them. He received no written discharge from this tour but performed duty for the whole term of three so far as it was in his power in the situation he then was as above described. He left the 2d tour on tenth of Jany 1779 as above stated. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He entered for a third tour in the County of Fauquier and state afd. under Capt. Biksey. He does not recollect any of his other officers names field or company. He did not serve on this last tour but three weeks & was discharged to go home. He was marched down on the Rappahannock in the state of Va where the British had come up & fired on Col. Brent's house in either Stafford or Susquehanna County Va. He served on this tour in the winter of 1779.-80.

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He was with on this tour no part of the American Army but those of the regiment he was with. Few or no incidents happened on this tour worth attention. He also states that he apprehended took and delivered over to the recruiting officer at Winchester Va. a deserter from the United States Army. He took him in Hampshire County Va and conducted him 70 miles at his own expense. To wit to the said town of Winchester and for this he thinks he was entitled to a tour of duty or rather for credit for the same. But whether it was according to the custom of the country he lived in or according to law, he does not know. He was born in the month of April 1758. His age is recorded in his family Bible which is handed down to him from his father. He was living in the afd. Fauquier County state of Virginia when at each of the three several times he was called into the service of the country. He has since the revolutionary war lived in the states of Virginia, N. Carolina, Kentucky & Missouri. He now lives in Missouri, sugar Creek Township, & County of Randolph. He never received but one written discharge which has been mentioned and two verbal discharges from the last two tours of duty aforesaid. That he has no documentary evidence & that he know of no person whose testimony whose testimony [sic] he can procure who can testify to his service.

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And that the said applicant James Fletcher on each of the afd. Tours of duty served with an embodied corps called into the service by competent authority * that he was either in the field or garrison and was not employed in any civil pursuit during the several afd. Terms of his service in the army of the U. States. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

James Fletcher

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

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Robert Wilson, clerk

James Ratliff, clergy

Robert Sconce, neighbor
John Dysart JP
Arched Schoemaker JP
Jno Viley JP