

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Terry S17141

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State of Virginia King William County SS

On this sixteenth day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Christopher Tompkins a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid James Terry aged 83 the 14th day of February last past, 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 the seventh 1832 –

That he the said James Terry entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He the said James Terry resident of the aforesaid County and state, was drafted in the militia service in the United States, on or about the 15th day of November 1775 under Captain Gale of Henrico County in which County he then resided and met at Richmond City and marched from thence to Williamsburg, and there remained after having served a tour of duty of one month and was discharged. He was again ordered out under draft on or about the fifth day of June 1779, under Captain James Price and met at Richmond, and marched from thence to Chesterfield Courthouse, and there remained until discharged, after having served a tour of one month, He was again called into service by draft under Captain James Price and met at Richmond City again, on or about the 12th day of November 1779 and marched from thence to little York, from thence to Hampton, and there remained until discharged after having served a tour of duty of one month.

He was again ordered into service by draft, under Captain Cownes [perhaps Capt. Robert Cowne] of King William County, where he then resided having removed from Henrico County to King William County, and he met at Dabney's old Shop on or about the 15th day of February 1781, and marched from thence to Williamsburg passing through the County of New Kent, from thence to little York, from thence to Hampton, from thence to Newport News point, and there remained until discharged, after having served a tour of forty days – He was again called into service under Colonel Richard Dabney of King William and met at Dabney's old Shop (then called) on or about the first day of May 1781 and marched from thence to a place called West Point, and there remained until discharged after having served a tour of one month. He was again ordered out by draft under Colonel Richard Dabney and met at Dabney's old Shop on or about the 15th day of June 1781, and marched from thence to Westham from thence to Lynchburg, following the British Army, and after staying at Lynchburg a short time, he was marched back again to Richmond, and from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to little York, where he remained until after the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] at the Siege of York, and was then discharged after having served a tour of duty of four months and 20 days, making in the whole a service of 11 months, for which he claims a pension – He recollects the following [paper torn one or two words missing] who he thinks belonged to the same service – Colonel Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson], Colonel Webb, Major Armistead, Colonel Ennis, Colonel Nelson,

Major Shiller [?]¹, Captain Nelson – he was under the Marquis Lafayette, he knew Colonel Taylor, he was at Sandy Point when a brig was taken and assisted in taking her. He was born in the County of Louisa and State of Virginia, that he was living in the County of Henrico when he first entered into the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, but removed to the County of King William State of Virginia in the year 80, where he has resided ever since. He has a record of his age in his possession. 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.

S/ James Terry, X his mark

[Dudley Atkinson, a clergyman, and Austin Terry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

Question the first Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Louisa –

Question 2 have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have a record of my age at my brother's William Terry's

Question 3 Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? And where do you now live?

Answer I lived in the County of Henrico when I was first called into service, but I was living in the County of King William when I was last called into service in which County I have been living ever since and now live.

Question the 4th How were you called into service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer I was drafted into the service altogether –

question 5th State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances that you recollect

Answer I have answered the fifth Question in the body of my declaration

Question 6th Did you ever receive a written discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I have no written discharge because I was discharged verbally –

Question 7th State the names to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their [belief] of your services as a soldier of the revolution –

Answer John Taliaferro, John Butler, James Fox, Edmund Bendles, Joel Bradles, William Winn, James Whitlock, and many others live in my neighborhood and can testify as to my veracity and their belief as to my services in the revolutionary war

S/ James Terry, X his mark

State of Virginia King William County SS

I William Winn² of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-five years do hereby certify that he is well acquainted with James Terry of the aforesaid State and County and that he the said William Winn perfectly recollects that the said James Terry was in the militia service during the revolutionary war and served one tour of duty with him the said William Winn at the

¹ *Shiller*

² [William Winn S11699](#)

new barracks at Williamsburg, and that from what he understood, the said James Terry served several other tours of duty as a militia man than the one he served with him the said William Winn. Given under my hand and seal this 24 day of February 1834

S/ William Winn

[James Whitlock³ also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he knows the veteran served for six months in the revolution as a militia soldier but Whitlock did not state that he served with the applicant. Whitlock signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

³ [James Whitlock S11742](#)