

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac James S18053

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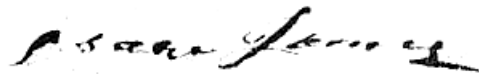
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State of Virginia Hampshire County: to wit

On the 28 day of October 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court before Ephraim Dunn, John Brady, Christopher Heiskill and John Stump Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Hampshire County now sitting, Isaac James a resident of Hampshire County in the State of Virginia aged seventy-one 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 stated, That he was drafted by Colonel Thomas Gaskins in the month of August 1781 in Northumberland County Virginia that in the month of October following he marched from said County of Northumberland to Richmond and from thence to Cumberland Old Court House about 50 miles above Richmond where he was attached to a Regiment (the name or number he does not now recollect) But was commanded by Colonel Baytop [probably James Baytop of Gloucester County] and Captain Spencer Kirkpatrick, where he remained until the expiration of the term for which he was drafted which was nine months, that during the time he lay at Cumberland old Court House he was engaged in building Huts for the Soldiers and various other laborious duties. That he was acquainted with General Washington and General Charles Lee, and that he has no other evidence of his service than the annexed affidavit. 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/ Isaac James



[William Welch, a clergyman, and Reuben Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following questions were in Open Court propounded to Isaac James and Applicant for a pension.

1st Quest. Where and in what year were you born

Answer, I was born in Northumberland County Virginia on the 16th day of March 1758

2nd Question: Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

Answer. I have it set down in a Book, and my son took it to the West with him, 5 or 6 years ago.

3rd Question, 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 Northumberland County Virginia, when called into service, and I resided in said County 3 years after the war, when I removed to Hampshire County Virginia, where I now

reside.

4 Question. 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 all the time I was in the service

5th Question, State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer: I was acquainted with Captain Stokely of the Maryland line, further answers to this question will be found in the body of my Declaration

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

Answer, I received a discharge from Spencer Kirkpatrick and left it at night Father's in Northumberland County Virginia, not supposing that it would ever be of any account to me and I suppose it is now lost

7th Question, State the names of persons 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 William Welch Esquire & Reuben Davis & my other neighbors.

[p 27: On July 28, 1833 in Preston County Virginia, Nancy Branden [or Brandon], 67, gave testimony that she is the sister of Isaac James of Hampshire County and that she knows of her own knowledge that Isaac James served a tour in the revolutionary war.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]