

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Witcher S2024

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State of Tennessee Smith County: Be it known that on this 30th day of August 1832 Personally appeared before me Daniel Young a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid, James Witcher aged 80 [last digit unclear could be 86] years on the 20th day of September last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June<sup>1</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 for six months under Captain William Witcher (Robert Dalton being Lieutenant). That he at that time lived in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia. That he was marched to Salisbury in North Carolina and was there attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason [David Mason]. Thence to Camden South Carolina – thence to Stono, & was in the battle [June 20, 1779] fought there, and was finally discharged, at Camden, as will appear from the discharge accompanying this declaration. That at the said battle of Stono, there were many regular troops but cannot now recollect the names of any of the leading officers.

And furthermore he served another tour of three months, (he thinks was this term) under Captain Parrish [George Parrish] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Cloyd [Joseph Cloyd], he then lived in the said County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia, was marched to the State of North Carolina, and was in the battle [October 14, 1780] at the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin [River], with the Tories. The said Colonel Cloyd commanded on this occasion. This service was in the summer & autumn of the year 1780 as will appear by his discharge accompanying this declaration.

That he performed other services, but his discharges for which are lost and his recollection is too imperfect to rely on in advancing those claims. That the enclosed is all the documentary evidence in his possession. That he knows of no person now living by whom he could prove the foregoing service. That in each case he was of the militia, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that his name is on no pension roll whatever, this being the first application he has ever made. Sworn to & subscribed the day & date above.

S/ James Witcher, X his mark

[Samuel Dowhitt, a clergyman residing in Smith County Tennessee gave a standard supporting affidavit in which he stated he believes the applicant to be 81 years of age.]

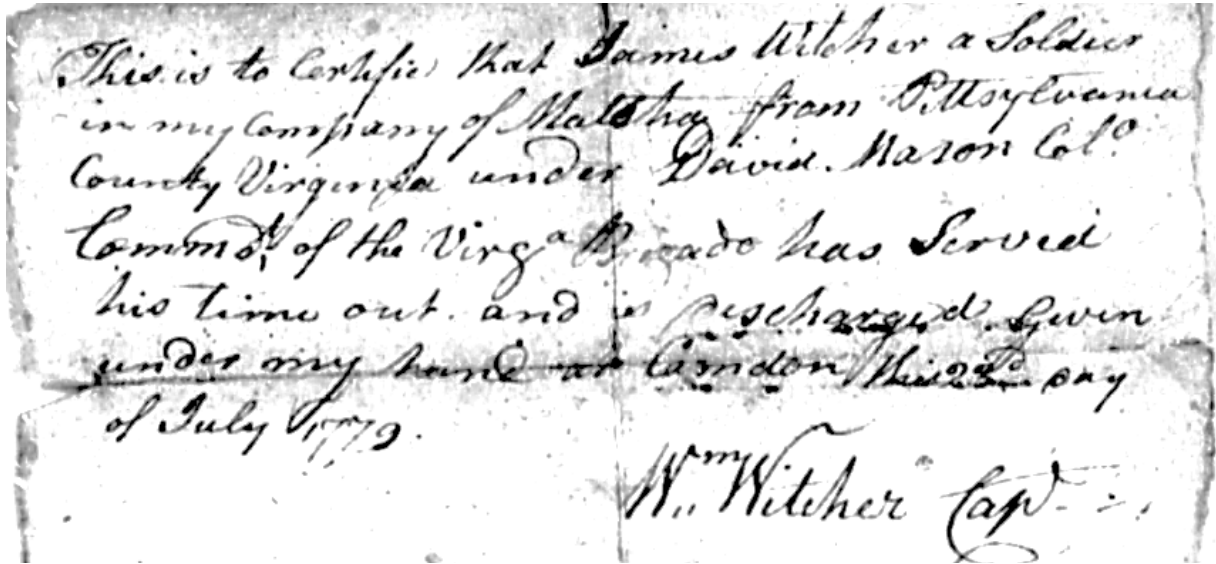
This is to Certifie that James Witcher a Soldier  
in my Company of Malstia [militia] from Pittsylvania

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<sup>1</sup> Two files as posted on Fold3.com

County Virginia under David Mason Col<sup>o</sup>  
Commandt of the Virginia Brigade has Served  
his time out and is discharged. Given  
under my hand at Camdon this 23rd day  
of July 1779

Wm Witcher Capt.

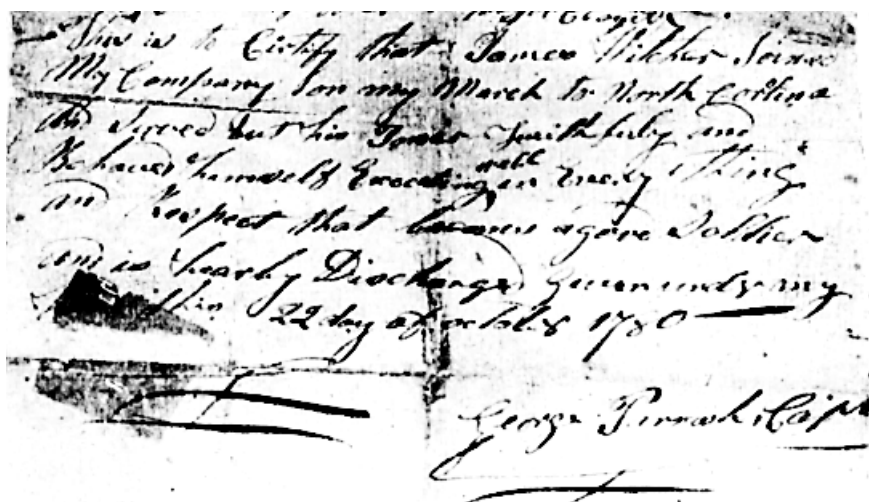


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in my Company of Malheur from Pittsylvania  
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under my hand at Camdon this 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of July 1779.

Wm Witcher Capt.

This is to Certify that James Witcher Joined  
My Company on my March to North Carolina  
And Served out his Tower Faithfully and  
Behaved himself exceedingly well in Everything  
And Respect that becomes a good Soldier  
And is hereby Discharged given under my  
Hand this 22nd day of October 1780

George Parrish Capt



This is to Certify that James Witcher served  
My Company on my March to North Carolina  
And Served out his Tower Faithfully and  
Behaved himself exceedingly well in Everything  
And Respect that becomes a good Soldier  
And is hereby Discharged given under my  
Hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1780

George Parrish Capt

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