

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cunningham (Cunningham) S21723

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District: On this 20th day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J Evans Judge presiding in the Court of Common Pleas now sitting James Cunningham a resident of Kershaw District in the State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 7th of June 1832. That he was drafted as a private in the South Carolina militia on or about the first of October 1781 & served until the first of January 1782 – whilst in service he was under the command of Captain Ben Haile of Colonel John Marshall's Regiment raised in the neighborhood of Lynchess Creek Kershaw District by order of General, Sumter. In this Draft – he was confined to the upper District of South Carolina – was in no engagement with the enemy & was verbally discharged.

That he was again Drafted in the South Carolina militia as a private on or about the 10th of March 1782 to go on what was called the Four hole expedition; he served in this Draft six weeks, and in service he was under the command of Captain Josiah Evans of Colonel Marshall's Regiment under the orders of General Henderson – in this tour he was confined to the lower part of the State of South Carolina –

He was again drafted on the 15th of October 1782 and served for the term of two months in the neighborhood of Orangeburg South Carolina whilst in service he was under the command of Captain Josiah Evans of Colonel Marshall's Regiment & under the orders of General Thomas Sumter a part of the time & part of the time under the orders of General F. Marion was in no Battle – verbally discharged.

That he makes this Declaration in the District of Lancaster, the Court House of said District being more convenient to him than that of his own (Kershaw) District –

That he don't know of any of his camp associates who could prove his service now alive.

That he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority: –  
That he was either in the field or in garrison: – and that the time during which the services were performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise day of each draft –, he entered into, & was discharged from, service; but according to the best of his recollection, each draft took place about the time above specified, and he served not less than the periods mentioned in the foregoing Declaration.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Bill of the agency of any State.

To the Questions proposed he answers as follows

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> – in Ireland October 1762.

Answer 2nd. I have no record of my age.

Answer 3. In Kershaw District South Carolina, where I was living when called into service, where I have lived since & where I now live.

Answer 4th. I was drafted.

Answer 5th. Generals Sumter, Marion, Colonel Marshall

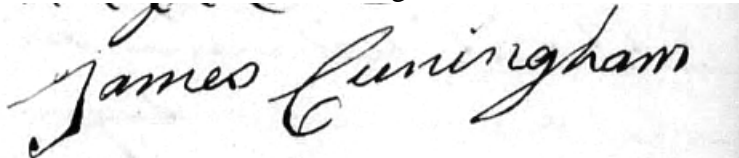
Answer 6<sup>th</sup>. I received both a written & verbal discharge.

Answer 7th. I name the Reverend Mr. Willie & George Perry, William

Sworn to this 20 November 1833

S/ S. Beckham, QU

S/ James Cuningham

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Cuningham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[William Perry, a clergyman, William M. Willie and George Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 12 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]