

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jamieson S21839

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State of South Carolina, York District: SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before Wm D. Martin Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting James Jamieson a resident of Chester District, State of South Carolina, aged in the Seventy Seventh year of who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1775 under Col. Neel [Thomas Neel] & General Richardson [Richard Richardson], against the Tories on Reedy River, commanded by Colonel Cunningham [Robert Cunningham or Patrick Cunningham], which body of Tories were taken prisoners, -- without any battle being fought. That in this tour he served according to the best of his knowledge three months.

He again volunteered in the month of June or July 1776 under Captain Thomas Kirkpatrick & Colonel Thomas Neel, on an expedition against the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and served under them six weeks.

He again volunteered under Captain Kirkpatrick in January 1779 and served two weeks against the Tories on Fairforest Creek in the State of South Carolina.

He volunteered again under Captain Thomas Kirkpatrick and Major Ross [Francis Ross] in an expedition to the State of Georgia, during this Campaign he was in the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779],<sup>1</sup> where Colonel Ashe [John Ashe] was defeated by the British General Prevost [Augustine Prevost] -- Served in this tour three months.

After the Battle of Briar Creek before returning to South Carolina he again volunteered in an expedition under Col. Hammond against the Creek Indians Came on the Indians at the Oconee River, fought & defeated them. Served in this campaign two weeks.

He also served a two weeks tour at Wright's Bluff on the Santee River under Colonel William Bratton in the year 1780. Shortly after the fall of Charleston South Carolina while here he was appointed a Lieutenant.

A few days after his return he volunteered on a tour to North Carolina, under General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. Before starting in this tour he was appointed and commissioned a Captain by Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] of South Carolina, -- In this Campaign, He went on pursuit of the Tories in the Fork of the Yadkin River, -- immediately after fought & defeated the Tories at Ramsour's [Battle of Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780]<sup>2</sup> in North Carolina, -- After this Battle Returned & again joined General Sumter at Hagler's Branch,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

Crossed the Catawba and defeated the British under Captain Hook [sic, Huck] at Williamson's [Battle of Williamson's Plantation or Huck's Defeat, July 12, 1790]<sup>3</sup> -- Went to Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]<sup>4</sup> and attacked the British under Colonel Turnbull [George Turnbull] without Success. -- Crossed the River and one week after the Battle of Rocky Mount defeated the British & Tories at the Battle of the "Hanging Rock," [August 6, 1780]<sup>5</sup> That in this Battle he was wounded by a musket shot through the body. -- After the Battle of the "Hanging Rock" he was carried to the Hospital at Charlotte in North Carolina. As soon as his wounds would permit he again joined his command, and carried on a partisan warfare until the Battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]<sup>6</sup> on the Tyger River about December 1780. --

Immediately after this he was taken prisoner by the Tories at his own house, and delivered up to Lord Cornwallis -- With whom he was a prisoner for about one month, when he was paroled & set at Liberty, and not exchanged until after the capture of Cornwallis in October 1781 [October 19, 1781] -- That from the time he Joined General Sumter in North Carolina to the time he was exchanged was about 17 months.

That during his Services he was not Stationed with any of the Continental troops. That according to the best of his knowledge he was born on Brandywine Creek in the State of Pennsylvania on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1755. That he has no record of his age. That when he entered the Service of the United States he resided in the District of York State of South Carolina and that he now lives in Chester District in Said State. That he never Received any written Discharge from Service.

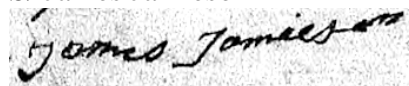
That he was commissioned a Captain by Governor Rutledge of South Carolina in 1780, and that he lost said Commission in Swimming a Creek on the night after he received his parole from Lord Cornwallis. --

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid in open Court.

S/ A. McWhorter, Clerk

S/ James Jamieson



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State of South Carolina York District

Personally came Robert Wilson,<sup>7</sup> Jacob Black<sup>8</sup> and Henry Rea<sup>9</sup> before me the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn say upon oath that they have seen the within declaration of Captain James Jamieson setting forth his services in the war of the Revolution they state upon their oath their belief of the truth of said declaration and that they were personally present and intimately acquainted with the greatest part of those services they further state that it is universally conceded by all who are acquainted with him and denied by none that he was a soldier of the revolution and the capacities as set forth and said declaration. -- sworn to and subscribed the third day of October A.D. 1832.

S/ William Jamieson, QU

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_williamsons\\_plantation.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

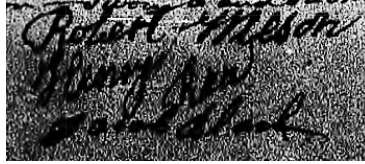
<sup>6</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

<sup>7</sup> [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Jacob Black S9281](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Henry Rea W9246](#)

S/ Robert Wilson  
S/ Henry Rea  
S/ Jacob Black



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State of South Carolina, York District

Personal examination of James Jamieson made in open Court before the Honorable Wm D. Martin a Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common pleas at York Court house October term 1832

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on Brandywine Creek in the State of Pennsylvania, according to the best of my knowledge on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have no record of my age.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: When I entered the Service of the United States I lived in what is now in York District South Carolina. I lived in York District until about the year 1802. Since that time I have lived in Chester District in the same State and resides there at this time.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I volunteered in the year 1775 under Colonel Neel & General Richardson as set forth in my declaration, and during all my Services in the revolution, I never served in any other [paper torn] as a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I never served where there were any Regular troops consequently knew no regular officers, -- As we carried on a partisan warfare against the Tories & British. I do not know the No. of the regiments in which I served or whether they were so numbered. My officers were Captain Kirkpatrick, Col. Neel, Colonel Bratton, General Thomas Sumter, and others referred to in my declaration to which I refer for the general circumstances of my service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Did you ever Receive a Commission and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer: I never did Received any written Discharge from Service.

Answer: I received a Lieutenant's Commission when at Wrights Bluff in the year 1780, signed by Governor Rutledge, this commission I cannot tell how I lost, a few days after my Return I received a Captain's commission signed by the same which I lost in Swimming a Creek the night after I received my parole, as a prisoner of Lord Cornwallis.

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I would refer to all who know me but particularly to Henry Rea and Jacob

Black.

Sworn to and Subscribed the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1832 in open Court.

S/ A. McWhorter, Clerk

S/ James Jamieson

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State of South Carolina, York District

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of quorum for said District Captain James Jamieson who, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; for 9 ½ months I served as a private, for two months I served as a Lieutenant For one year and five months I served as a Captain, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March [1833]

S/ James Jamieson

[p 19: Certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to James Jamieson for military Duty for 223 days. In addition, the records indicate that payments were made to a James Jamieson as Lieutenant for 30 days; has Captain for 30 days, as Captain for 40 days, and as Captain for 21 days; and as Captain wounded at rocking him having served 40 days. In addition, payment was made to James Jamieson for service as a horseman for 62 days under Major Ross and Captain McCulloch [sic]

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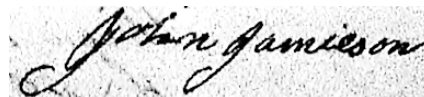
South Carolina York District

Appeared John Jamieson son of Captain James Jamieson before me the Subscribing Magistrate and made oath in due form of law his [father] to wit Captain James Jamieson's death was recorded on the day of his burial by William Jamieson Esquire now deceased and remarked when he wrote it down this is what we ought to put on his headstone which record is hereunto appended which has been in possession of deponent ever since entered which was done as above stated before they started to the grave yard with the corpse of his Father Captain James Jamieson.

He Further says that there was no Physician or Clergyman in attendance and that his Funeral Close [clothes] was bought and made some one or two years before his death.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1837.

S/ John Jamison



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James Jamieson Junr. was born  
in this year of our Lord 1811 on  
April 19<sup>th</sup>

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Departed this life on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1838 eighty  
one years three months and Sixteen  
days Capt. James Jamieson a  
Soldier & Officer of the Revolution]

James Jamieson  
in the year of our Lord 1811 and  
April of the  

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Departed this life on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of June A.D. 1838 aged eighty  
one years three months and twenty  
days Capt. James Jamieson a  
Soldier & Officer of the Revolution

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Captain Jamieson was insane for Three years before his death and that he left no widow. Sworn to and subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1847

S/ James Jamieson

*James Jamieson*

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State of South Carolina York District

I James Kuykendall Clerk of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas for the District of York & State aforesaid, do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited at the office of the said Court to prove that Captain James Jamieson, a soldier of the Revolution, pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$383.31 per annum died at the house of his son, John Jamieson, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1838 in Chester District, South Carolina leaving three surviving children, to wit: William Jamieson Esquire, Mary Chambers, – and John Jamieson, all of lawful age, and that William Jamieson has since died leaving no children, and that Mary Chambers has not been heard of for the last three years, and that John Jamieson, the above named, is now the only child, known to be living.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my seal of office & subscribed my name this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1847.

S/ Jas. KuyKendal, C. C. C. Pls.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$131.07 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 and

<sup>10</sup> There is nothing in this file which establishes the relationship, if any, of this James Jamieson to the veteran or his family.

terminating upon his death June 26, 1838. His pension was calculated on the basis of service for 2 months and 2 days as a Dragoon, for 30 days as a Lieutenant of Infantry, and for 4 months and 11 days as Captain of Dragoons. The veteran's pension was subsequently increased to \$338.31 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>11</sup> relating to James Jamieson pp21  
Audited Account No. 3998  
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[p 2]  
[14 October 1784 No. 318 Book I]  
Mr. James Jamieson his Account of 223 days Militia duty  
Amounting to £81.17.1 ½  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to James Jamieson Captain	£ S D
As Lieut. Militia foot at 35/ [35 shillings old SC currency] per day 30 days	52.10.0
As Capt. Do. Horse at £3.10 per Diem 30 days	105.0.0
As Capt. do do at due per day 40 days	140.0.0
As Capt. do do at due per day 21	73.10.0
As Capt. do Wounded at Hanging Rock 40 days	<u>140.0.0</u>
	£511.0.0
to 62 days as a Horsemen under Major Ross [Francis Ross]	<u>62.0.0</u>
Capt. McCulloh <sup>12</sup>	£573.0.0

So. Carolina  
Camden District} These are to certify that I James Jamieson Do authorize & appoint William Hillhouse Junior to receive from the Publick Treasurers any Indent or Indents given under my hand this 27 day of November 1780 for  
Assigned before me  
S/ David Leech, JP

S/ James Jamieson



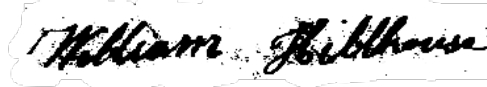
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Rec'd 14 October 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 318 Book I fall £81.17.1 ½ Sterling in full satisfaction for this Account

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<sup>11</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives. This veteran's documents are erroneously indexed under the name "John Jameson."

<sup>12</sup> Both Capt. George McCulloch and Capt. William McCulloch, both of the New Acquisition District Regiment, were present at the Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/> Which of these men was the veteran's Captain cannot be determined from the documents in this file.

S/ William Hillhouse



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A Petition of James Jamieson praying to be placed on the pension List  
Committee on Pensions  
Prayer granted

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To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

the petition of James Jamieson Late of York now of Chester District  
Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner, then a Captain in Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment of militia received a wound in his right hip in the battle at hanging rock in Augt. 1780 which has occasioned him great pain & ever since with great difficulty he has supported himself & family by his labor without applying to his Country for assistance, but as he advances in years the Effects of his wound increases until he is no longer able to labor for his support.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will take his Case into Consideration and grant him such relief as in your wisdom shall seem meet.<sup>13</sup>

& Your petitioner shall ever Pray

S/ James Jamieson



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These are to Certify that the bearer here of Capt James Jamyson [sic] did at an early stage of the war with Great Britain enter the field as a soldier in the Defense of his country under my command and in the year 1780 at the Battle of the hanging Rock he was Badly wounded which wound appears to Hinder him from his daily labor

Certified by

S/ W. Bratton Colo.



[p 9: same petition as above except this one is addressed to the South Carolina Senate and its members.]

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10<sup>th</sup> December 1807

Report of the Committee on Pensions – James Jamieson & John Miller  
In the House of Representatives December 12, 1807

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<sup>13</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Resolved that this House do agree to the within Report  
Ordered that the Report & Resolve be sent to Senate for their Concurrence – By order of the House

S/ [undeciphered signature of the clerk of the house]

Tomorrow

In the Senate December 14<sup>th</sup> 1807

Resolved that this Ho. Do concur with the Ho. Reps.

Ordered that the same be returned to the Ho. of Reps.

S/ B. H. Saxon, Clerk

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The Committee on Pensions

~~Report That they have taken into consideration the Petition of William Carter praying for his arrears of Annuity and it was forwarded to you will Committee, that he ought to have been placed on the Pension list in the year 1787. They therefore recommend said arrearage be paid him without interest.~~

On the Petition of John Miller praying to be placed on the pension list; you will committee are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and that he be allowed and annuity from 1786

The Petition of James Jamieson praying to be placed on the Pension List; your Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted and he be allowed to draw his Annuity from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1806

S/ James Wright [?] Clerk

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The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Jamieson Praying to be placed on the pension list

Report

That they have taken the Same into Consideration and find the facts therein Stated to be true and recommend that he be placed on the list of Pensioners from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1800. –

December 3, 1808

S/ Jos. Bellinger Chairman

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In the House of Representatives December 18<sup>th</sup> 1807

Mr. President & Gentlemen of the Senate –

The House of Representatives request the permission of Senate to amend the Report of the Committee on Pensions here with transmitted & concurred in by the two houses respecting the annuity of James Jamieson so as to make the same read thus “and he be allowed to draw his annuity from the first day of January 1802” instead of 1806 inserted by mistake in said Report –

By order of the House

S/ Jos. Alston,

P: Ho. Reps:

[p 15: Receipt dated April 12, 1809 indicating the payment of \$171.43 ¼ to James Jamieson for arrears of pension.]

[p 17-21: various receipts indicating the payment of \$60 per annum commencing July 30, 1819 and ending May 29, 1834.]