

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Creemer S2480

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State of North Carolina Beaufort County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September 1820

On this 7th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County and being a court of record because it is so declared by various acts of assembly because it is recognized as a Court of record by the Supreme legal tribunal and because it had the power of fine and imprisonment and because its proceedings are according to the course of the common law and it keeps a record of its proceedings James Creamer aged 65 years resides in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows That he served during the revolutionary war four years altogether but that his only service in the regular Continental establishment – (his other services being in the occasional detachments of militia) was for one-year which was the last year of the war that he first listed under Captain Armstrong under whom he marched to join the Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina there he was placed in the Company of Captain Anthony Sharpe and remained in his company till the expiration of twelve months the term for which he listed and then was regularly discharge. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

300 acres of poor Piney land	\$150
5 common chairs without bottoms	1
6 pewter spoons	.25
1 old mare 15 years old	10
1 Colt three years old	10
1 old Brandy still [sic]	20
4 cups & saucers	.10
6 Fowls	.80
1 Skillet	.10
2 plows	2.00

I further swear that I am by occupation a farmer feeble and a little able to work I have a wife older than myself to support and we two constitute our family – I have neither children relations or tenants to help me besides I am indebted to the amount of \$40.

Signed, James Creamer, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Beaufort County } to wit

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the worshipful the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, now sitting, James Creemer Senior a resident of said County, aged seventy-eight years or thereabouts, 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 is to say – sometime after the commencement of the war of the Revolution, he enlisted in a company in the County of Pitt in this State & as well as he can now recollect the Captain's name was Herring [James Harrin] in what was called the State Regiment and for a twelve months tour of service. The Regiment was commanded to the best of his present recollection by Colonel Heritage [sic, John Herritage]. He served out his said arrangement without any material occurrence & was employed in various expeditions through different parts of said State. After returning home & remaining some time after his discharge at the close of the above period of service, he again enlisted in the Army & in a Company which was commanded as well as he can now remember by Captain Stancel [Godfrey Stancil] & his said enlistment was in the County of Pitt in said State – and as far as he now remembers, his contract of service was for three months – & before the expiration of said three months, he joined the main Army with his Company and enlisted in the Continental service in a Company commanded by Captain Sharpe – and he thinks Colonel Dixon was commander of the Regiment. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in chief and his enlistment was for twelve months, but his memory has so faded him, that he cannot recollect the date of his enlistment in the upper part of the State and at a town, the name of which he has forgotten – during this period he saw a great deal of hard service and was often in very suffering circumstances – and was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – not long afterwards he was discharged with many others at Wilmington in this State – & he came home and has remained here ever since. He has long since lost all the documentary evidence of his several engagements for service in the Army & of his discharges therefrom. But his whole period of service in the Army was nearly four years: and he knows of no other person now living, who can testify to his service in the Army except Jacob O Merry,<sup>1</sup> his comrade for about twelve months. He is now old his memory as well as body nearly worn out, his health gone very poor & part laborer with a family to support.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State except that of the State of North Carolina. He made an effort nearly 2 years ago to get a pension from the United States, but owing to some informality or inattention, little or nothing was done in it for him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid S

S/ Wm Ellison, clerk

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<sup>1</sup> [Jacob O. Merry S4592](#)

S/ James Creemer, X his mark

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Jacob O Merry, a resident of said County, seventy-one years of age, being first duly sworn here in court, maketh oath, that he is well acquainted with James Creemer Senior the applicant for a pension & who subscribed the above Declaration that he knew him as a private in Captain Sharpe's Company in the revolutionary War – & served with him about twelve months in the same Regiment – and a great intimacy subsisted between him and said Creemer during their period of service in said company.

S/ Jacob O. Merry, X his mark

[Reading Grist and Thomas Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit and stated that there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that James Craimor [sic] a private Soldier in Captain Sharp's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 15th of April 1781 for 12 months and that he left the service the 15th of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 1st April 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]