

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Bourn S30877

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State of Kentucky } SS

Montgomery county }

On this 4th of Nov. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court for the county afores'd. now sitting James Bourn a resident of said county & state afores'd. aged 74 years or theirabouts, 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 June 1832 That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated – He states he was born in the state of Virginia Orange County in the year 1759 or 60 as he has no record of his age he is unable to say precisely as to the month or day of the month on which he was born but says he must be something like the age above stated. he says he was about 20 or 21 when he entered the service in 1780 He says he entered the service of the U. S. in the month of Dec'r. 1780 the precise day not recollected from the county of Culpeper virginia as a substitute for Charles Forshee on a Tour of three months in capt. Richard Yancy's [Richard Yancey's] company of Virginia Militia Lieutenant David Jamison [David Jameson, pension application S5607] an Ensign Lightfoot & General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] rendezvoused at Hillsborough [NC]. Marched from thence to Guilford court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse] from thence to Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] from thence to Sharlotte [sic: Charlotte] from thence to Cheraw hills head quarters [in SC, Jan 1781]. And as his time of service for three months having expired from Dec'r. 1780 untill March following he remembers that he returned home some few days before the Battle of Guilford court house [15 Mar 1781] having served a tour of three months under the officers above named and rec'd. a discharge when he returned to Spitsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] court house but have lost it. The next Tour he states he served for three months in the month of July 1781 and served in capt. George Waugh's company L. Joseph Thomas. col. [Samuel] Temple, from the County of Orange Virginia as a Militia man Marched immediatly through King & Queen county on the Gloucester side and opposite to York he says he was taken sick and disqualified for duty and was taken to the Hospital and so remained untill the siege of yourk which was on the 19th of octr 1781 [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] as he thinks and as he cannot distinctly remember the day of the month that he entered the service the last Tour. But well recollects that his time was just out at the seige of cornwallis at york And can say that he served three months from the time he first entered the service the last Tour untill he was discharge and was regularly discharged by his capt. But has lost it. He states that during both the above tours he served as a private soldier. And making six months at Least. He states he has no record of his age he has stated where he was living when he entered the service. He has also stated that the 1st Tour he served as a substitute. The 2^d. as a draftee He state he remembers General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] who he left at head quarters. he also remembers Lafayette & General Wedon [George Weedon?] and others. He states he has no discharge having stated already he has lost them. But can prove his services by Cathrin Bourn. Never rec'd a commission. He states he knows of John Smith a clergyman and D Longnecker both of whom reside in his neighborhood and can certify as to his credibility and his reputation in his neighborhood as a soldier of the Revolution. He also states that he can prove his services by Cathrine Bourn who lived with him at the time he has no documentary evidence. moved from Virginia to Ky Montgomery County and lives [one or two illegible words]

He hereby relinquis all and 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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] James Bourn

NOTE: Catharine Bourne (as she signed), 70, of Jessamine KY, stated that she married a brother of James Bourn and remembered his service. Also in the file is a letter dated 10 Jan 1837 from Walker Bourn, son of James Bourn.