

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Haggard S31109

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State of Illinois Sangamon County

On this 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of County Commissioners, now sitting, James Haggard a resident of the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois aged seventy-five 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 June the 7th 1832. I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year 1757 as appears from the family record now in my possession where I was raised and lived until the year 1780, when I was drafted into the service of the United States on a tour of three months, which I served in Captain Charles Wingfield's Company we rendezvoused at Albemarle Court house and were marched to Richmond where we were stationed, all or the greater part of the time and were here discharged, the names of the field officers, I do not recollect nor do I know whether any of the regular troops were with us at any time I believe we were all Virginia troops, nor cannot recollect time of the year when I entered or was discharged the service. I returned to Albemarle where I remained until sometime in the spring of the year 1781 when I was again drafted for three months which I served in Captain John Henderson's Company & James Garland Lieutenant in Colonel Reuben Lindsey's Regiment. We marched from Albemarle Court house to Richmond where we joined the main force and were marched to and stationed at a place the name of which not remembered between Richmond & the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River from this place we were crossed over the River to a small town where we deposited our arms and were discharged having served the three months for which we were drafted, I have no recollection of having been with any of the regular troops and no now of none of the officers. I was in no battle with the enemy. If I received my discharges of which I cannot speak positively they have been long since lost or mislaid being of but little or no use to me as I had imagined. I know of no person who knew [me] while in the service at this time who is living. John Dickey & Samuel Hutton have known me for some time past – Mr. Hutton two years and Mr. Dickey twelve. By the year 1785, as well as he now remembers, I removed from the State of Virginia and settled in Clark County Kentucky where I resided for the Thirty years, and removed to Christian County where I resided Twelve years, From Christian County Kentucky I removed to Sangamon County Illinois where I have resided ever since. I also state that I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any Pension or Annuity except the present and do hereby declare that my name is not on the Pension [role] of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Haggard, X his mark

[Samuel Hutton, a clergyman, and John Dickey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 2, 1843; place of death not stated; in this file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]