

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cason [Casson] S3124

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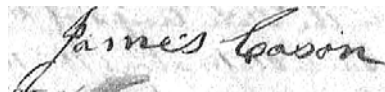
State of Tennessee, County of Jackson: August Term 1832

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John McCarver, Willeroy Pate , William Locke and Thomas D. Hutcheson, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county of Jackson now sitting (being a court of record). James Cason, a resident of said County of Jackson and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-four 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 provision made by act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the State Troops of Virginia in Spotsylvania County in said State about the 15 March in the year 1777 with Lieutenant Thomas Minor and served in the Second Virginia State Troops Regiment under the following named officers Captain James Quarles, Colonel Commandant Gregory Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Dabney, Major Lee, the Lieutenant Thomas Minor, the ensign not recollected. He resided in said County of Spotsylvania, State of Virginia when he enlisted, served one year in State of Virginia. marched from Williamsburg under said officers and joined General Washington at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, when the Second Virginia State regiment was added to General Peter Muhlenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade. The Second Virginia State regiment joined General Washington at Valley Forge as aforesaid in March 1778, the army then under the command of General Washington marched to Monmouth in New Jersey, where a battle was fought in which the British army gave way; said applicant was in the Battle [Monmouth Courthouse, June 28, 1778]. The army then marched to White Plains in the State of New York then returned to West Point in said State, then marched to Bonbrook [Boundbrook] where the army went into Winter Quarters in December in the year 1778. Whilst at Bonbrook , William Brent Colonel Commandant took command of the regiment in which applicant served and Captain Quarles being promoted Capt. Long took command of the company in which said applicant served. The army then marched to Smith's Cloves near Hudson river. The Virginia troops then marched to Stoney Point and joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and was placed in reserve to cover Wayne's retreat in his attack upon Stoney Point [July 16, 1779], in case he should retreat. After the battle of Stoney Point the Virginia State Troops marched to Philadelphia, then to Fredericksburg, Virginia where said applicant James Cason was discharged, in the month of March 1780, by Colonel Brent which discharge is lost.

He was born 23rd. July 1758 (has no record of his age) in Orange County, State of Virginia.

He declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ James Cason



Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk of said Court

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and as he states.

S/ John McCarver  
S/ Willeroy Pate  
S/ William Locke  
S/ Thomas D. Hutchison

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State of Tennessee County of Jackson: November Term 1832 Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before John Swezea, John Welch and William Gray Justices now sitting (being a court of Record) James Cason the applicant in the foregoing declaration made at August Term 1832 of said Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, being a citizen and resident of said County who being 1<sup>st</sup> duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following further declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That 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 any state.

S/ James Cason

[p 8: Transcription of Bible record:

“James Cason & Rebecca Cason was married February 17<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Becca Cason deceased Sept. 8, 1836 aged 70 years  
James Cason departed this life 12<sup>th</sup> July 1842 aged 83 years 11 months & 20 days.  
Edward M Cason was born January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1805  
Susan Cason was born Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1790  
Eliza S Cason was born October 17<sup>th</sup> 1807”]

[p 9: Certificate dated March 1856 filed in Jackson County Tennessee by the clerk of court indicating that based on satisfactory evidence James Cason the revolutionary pensioner died in Jackson County Tennessee July 12, 1842 leaving no widow but leaving three children to wit Edward M Cason, Susannah Cason & Eliza S Cox as his only living children; that the veteran's wife Rebecca Cason departed this life previous to the demise of the veteran; that Robert A Cox is the administrator of the estate of James Cason deceased.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for three years.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 3-page indexed as “Casson, James”

[p 1]

Spotsylvania Sct.

I hereby certify that Jno Casson [sic]<sup>1</sup> enlisted under me as a Sergeant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps the same man as [John Cason S8184](#)

State Regiment 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1777 & to serve for the term of three years, from the date of his enlistment.

Given under my hand the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783  
(a Copy) S/ Tho. Minor<sup>2</sup>

Henrico Sct.

James Casson made oath that his brother Jno. Casson was discharged from the Service by Major Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] on the same day that his brother William [William Cason]<sup>3</sup> obtained his discharge and that he lost the same at the battle of James Town in the Militia Service as he told him & verily believes that he has received no depreciation nor land  
Witness my hand this 20 day of August 1783

S/ Saml DuVal

(Copy)

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Spotsylvania Sc.

I hereby Certify that William Casson enlisted under me as a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment he enlisted the 15<sup>th</sup> [? figure written over and not clear] February 1777 & to serve for the term of three years from the date of his enlistment.

Given under my hand the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783  
(Copy) Tho Minor

Spotsylvania SS

I hereby certify that James Casson enlisted under me as a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment he enlisted the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1777 & to Serve three years unless sooner discharged.

Given under my hand the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1783  
(Copy) S/ Tho. Minor

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Henrico Sc.

James Cason made oath before me that he was discharged from the service on the Same day that his brother William Casson was by Major Lee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Regiment & that he has lost the same & has never received any depreciation or land nor any one for him. Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1783

Copy S/ Saml. DuVal

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Minor W5374](#)

<sup>3</sup> [William Cason S9157](#)