

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pennington (Penington) S31296

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State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

On this 4th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Henry County court now sitting – (a court of record) James Pennington a resident of the County of Henry and State of Kentucky aged eighty-one years on the 28th day of July 1833, 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 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – That he belonged to the Virginia militia in the County of Mecklenburg and that the militia of said County was laid off into ten divisions – & each one of the Divisions was compelled to go into the service of the United States by rotation when called upon – That he entered into & became one of the Divisions by volunteering – and that in the first of June 1776, he was called upon and entered the service of the United States in the Virginia militia as aforesaid under Captain John Ballard & joined the troops at Hampton town in Virginia – the Regiment was commanded by Colonels Ruffin [possibly John Ruffin] & Meredith [possibly Samuel Meredith]. That his company was stationed for some time at Hampton town & marched from that place to Portsmouth on James River & remained stationed there until the 22nd day of December 1776 when he was discharged verbally by his Captain & returned home. He recollects the day of the month on which he was discharged – as it was near Christmas & from his solicitude to be at home during the Christmas – he was in no battle – There were no regular troops stationed where he was – That by the condition of his service – that he was to be retained in it as long as the government thought necessary & that he did not enter the service for any stated period = he was called a minute man = That he returned home after he was discharged – & was not called upon again until the 2nd week in February 1779 when he again entered the service – in the same manner as above stated – & served under Captain Reuben Vaughn Colonel Luberial [?] commanded the Regiment – That he joined his company at Mecklenburg court house in Virginia & marched to Granville court house in the State of North Carolina & remained there 5 or 6 weeks & then marched to Stono on St. John's River in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] – that he then joined a company of light infantry commanded by Captain Edmonds & Colonel Henderson [possibly a reference to Colonel William Henderson] the Regiment & continued in it for two months & then rejoined his old Company – he remained all the time in the vicinity of Stono – That after he joined his own Company, a detachment in which he was included, had a skirmish with the British on 20th June 1779. We retreated – this was in the neighborhood of Stono – The regular troops who were in the service at this place were commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Huger – and that he continued in the summer until the 12th of August 1779 – when he & his company was discharged at Stono by his Colonel in writing which

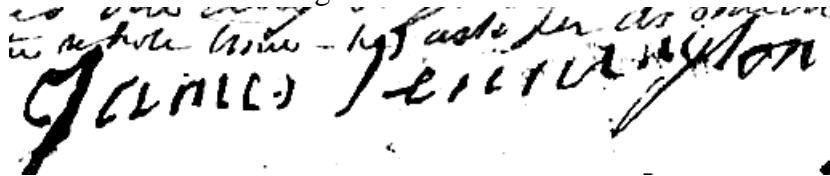
discharge was burnt near fifty years ago – his house having been burnt – He then returned home. In February 1781 he was again called upon in the same manner as above stated & entered the service under Captain Marshall & marched immediately to Taylor's ferry on Deep River in Virginia & there joined a large body of troops under General Green [Nathanael Greene] was a regular officer – Deadman commanded the Regiment to which he belonged. That he continued there for 3 weeks, when his leg was accidentally much bruised – he was then sent home – & his leg continued unsound until his company was discharged – and did not again joined the company –

In September 1781, he was again called upon & joined a company under Captain John Bugg – that he was continued in his own County collecting cattle for General Washington's Army for 6 weeks & was discharged from this service in October 1781 & never again entered the service. That during all his service he entered & served as a private.

He was born on the 25th day of July 1752 in Brunswick County & State of Virginia – That he, at one time, had a record of his age which was burnt long ago – when his house was burnt down – that record stated that he was born as above stated. That he resided in Mecklenburg County Virginia at each time that he entered the service. After the war was over he removed to Mercer County in the State of Kentucky – thence to Garrard County – same state & about 4 years ago he removed to Henry County Kentucky – where he now resides – part of which 4 years he has resided in Jefferson County – having no family, he has occasionally resided in Henry & Jefferson with his children – That he is well known in his present neighborhood in Henry County to William Ladd & Elias McDaniel who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood – That he has no documentary evidence of his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can prove his services – 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

If a pension cannot be had for the whole time – he asks for as much as can be allowed, as he has no proof.

S/ James Pennington



[William Ladd & Elias McDaniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months & 13 days in the Virginia service.]