

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James St. John S31955

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State of Georgia, County of Newton

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year Eighteen hundred & thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Justices the Inferior Court, said County, now sitting, James St. John, a resident of the County of Newton & State of Georgia, aged Seventy Seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz) under Colonel Morgan, Captain Thos. Collier [Thomas Collier], Lieutenant Duglass (or Dugy) Watson [Douglass Watson], Joshua Morris ensign, that he entered the service about the first day of May 1775, and that he left the service about the last day of December 1775, that he resided in Charlotte County, Virginia, when he entered the service as a volunteer (called minute men.) That he was at the driving off of Lord Dunmore <sup>and his Fleet</sup> from Gwins Island [sic, Gwynn Island], that he was marched to the Potomac [River] in order to assist in driving Lord Dunmore from the Potomac, he was ordered in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians, and marched to the Long Island of Holston River and stationed there for a considerable time, from there he was marched back to Virginia and discharged, that Captain Bates' Company from Halifax & Captain Dickson's Company from Lunenburg County were two Companys engaged in the fore mentioned service, that he now has a recollection of, That he afterwards entered the service under Captain James Jamison, Col. Skippoth [sic, Henry Skipwith] and General Lawson, some time in April 1781 that he served the said tour, three months, and was discharged there from the last of July 1781 a short time after an engagement at Jamestown, that he was discharged at a place called Morbin Hills [sic, Malvern Hills, often written Mobbin Hills] on James River in Virginia, the he engaged in the last mentioned service as a volunteer, that he was born in Essex County Virginia on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1756, that he has no record of his age, that he resided in Charlotte County Virginia when he entered the service, that he has resided in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia since the revolutionary war & he now lives in the County of Newton & in the state of Georgia, that he received a discharge from each of the aforesaid services but does not recollect by whom the same were signed, that the said discharges have been lost or destroyed, that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services as aforesaid,

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Cary Wood, JIC

S/ James St. John, X his mark

[Samuel Pattillo, a clergyman, and James Ellington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia, County of Newton

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting James St. John a resident of the County of Newton and State of Georgia aged Seventy Seven years and who being duly sworn first, according to law, doth on his

oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated (Viz.) in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Collier, Lieutenant Duglass (of Dugy) Watson, Ensign Joshua Morris, and Regiment commanded by Col. Morgan, that he entered the Service the first of May 1775 and was discharged from the said Service two or three days after Christmas in the year 1775 having served Seven months and twenty-six or seven days – that he resided in Charlotte County Virginia, when he entered the service, that he entered the same as a volunteer, that he was at the driving off [of] Lord Dunmore & his fleet from Gwynn Island, that he was marched to the Potomac [River] in order to assist in driving Lord Dunmore from the Potomac, he was ordered in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians and marched to the Long Island of Holston River and stationed there for a considerable time, from thence he was marched back to Virginia and discharged at Charlotte Court House, Virginia, that a Company Commanded by Captain Bates from Halifax County Virginia and a Company Commanded by Captain Dickson from Lunenburg County were engaged in the said services, that he received a printed discharge, but the same has been lost or destroyed. That he afterwards entered the service as a volunteer in a Company Commanded by Captain James Jemison and Regiment Commanded by Colonel Skippoath [sic, Henry Skipwith] & General Lawson, that he entered in the said last mentioned service in the month of April 1781, and that he served a tour of three months and was discharged in the last days of July 1781 (the day of month of entering & leaving the said last mentioned service from old age and the Consequent loss of Memory he cannot now recollect) his discharge was a short time after an engagement at Jamestown, that he was discharged at a place called Marbin Hills on James River, in Virginia, he received a discharge in writing from the said service but the same has been lost, that he performed his services as a volunteer, that he was born in Essex County State of Virginia on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1756, that he has no record of his age, that he resided in Charlotte County Virginia when called into service each time, that he resided in Virginia 10 years after the close of the war from thence he moved to North Carolina where he resided nine years, from thence he moved to South Carolina where he lived upwards of 20 years, and from thence he moved to Newton County, State of Georgia, where he has lived Eight years past; that Samuel Patillo and James Ellington are persons residing in his neighborhood, & who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his Service as a Soldier of the Revolution & that he has no documentary evidence, neither does he know of any person by whom he 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 any agency of any State, or if any only and that of the Agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to & subscribed.

S/ Farr H. Hammell, JIC

S/ James St. John, X his mark

[Samuel Patillo, a clergyman and James Ellington gave the standard supporting affidavit.

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State of Georgia, Newton County

Personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County, Samuel Pattillo who being duly sworn according to law (in addition to the Certificate to which his name is signed, and annexed to the declaration of James St. Johns\*) deposeth & saith that when a boy he was acquainted with said James St. Johns – that he knows said St. Johns was a soldier in the wars of the revolution, deponent also saith that said St. Johns did as deponent was informed served one time as a minute man for six or eight months and he bore the reputation of a soldier who was ever ready -- & did serve several tours of duty. That from time until the present, said St. Johns has sustained an honorable & honest character.

Sworn & described this 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1832.

S/ Wm Conyers, JIC

S/ Samuel Pattillo

\*The applicant's names appears as “St. Johns” throughout this affidavit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and 26 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]