

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pierson S32446

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State of Indiana Crawford County} SS.

On this twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Samuel Hall President Judge of the fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana and Henry Green Esquire his associate Judge of the Crawford County Circuit Court now sitting, James Pierson, a citizen of Whiskey Run Township in the County of Crawford in the State of Indiana, aged seventy-five years the 13th day of last October 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 7, 1832. That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1776 or 1777, he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Benjamin Cleveland of the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina under the authority of that State. While in said Service was marched to a place called "Carter's Fort" on the Watauga River to guard the Fort against the attacks of the Cherokee Indians. That during this tour and while at Fort Carter an express arrived from the Long Islands of Holstein [sic, Holston River] for said company to march to that place to guard the same while a treaty was held with the Cherokee Indians. While at the place last aforesaid saw Colonel Shelby [sic, probably Major Evan Shelby], Colonel Christie [sic, William Christian] and Colonel Paulin [?] who was sitting in counsel at the said Treaty<sup>1</sup> -- Charles Murphy a half Blood the Indian was interpreter to the counsel. That after the treaty was concluded, Captain Cleveland's company to which he belonged was marched back to Fort Carter and discharged but got no written discharge. During this tour he served three months.

That some two or three years afterwards the time not recollected he entered the service again under the command of Captain Jesse Franklin [Jesse Hardin Franklin] Colonel Lanore [sic, William Lenoir], and Colonel Benjamin Hern [sic, Benjamin Hearn] and Major Richard Allen commanded in the corps to which he belonged during this tour. Passed through Moravian Town in the State of North Carolina was driven out of said Town by the British a few days previous to the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was marched back into Wilkes County North Carolina and discharged but got no written discharge. That during this tour he served three months making in all six months, was born within eight miles of Salisbury in the State of North Carolina from thence his father removed when he was about six years old to Surry County North Carolina

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776\\_TN.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776_TN.html)

from thence into Wilkes County in said State from thence he removed to Kentucky near the Crab Orchard where he resided about 26 years from thence he removed to the State of Indiana where he now resides. That his age was entered by his father in his family Bible which is in his possession at this time.

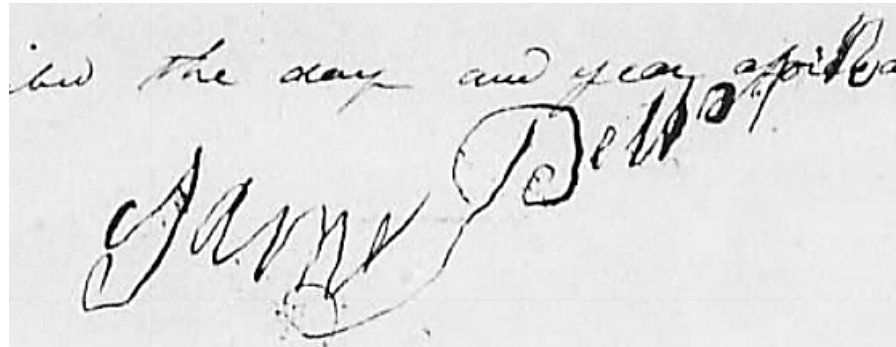
That he is well known to James Spencer, Pilgrim Pope and Jeremiah Tadlock and William Riley who [are] residents of the same neighborhood and who can testify to his veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he has no documentary evidence of his service except the annexed affidavit of Lucy Crutchfield of Harrison County in the State of Indiana and Benjamin Pierson of Washington County in the State aforesaid who are both so old and infirm that they are unable to appear before the Court.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ E. E. Morgan, Clk

S/ James Pierson

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "James Pierson" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is slanted upwards from left to right.

[William Riley and James Spencer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: the file does not contain the affidavits of Lucy Crutchfield or Benjamin Pierson as mentioned in the above declaration.]

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