

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Yancey S35752¹

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United States of America District of Kentucky to wit

This day came before me Robert Trimble Judge of the District Court of the United States in the District aforesaid, Robert Yancey, a Citizen of Woodford County Kentucky, who being by me first duly sworn did declare, that he served the United States as an officer in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain from the year 1776 until the close of the war, in the Continental Service, in the Regiment of cavalry first commanded by Colonel Bland [Theodorick Bland], afterwards by Colonel Anthony W. White: that in the year 1776 he was quarter master of the Regiment; – that in 1777 he was a cornet, in 1778 a Lieutenant, & in the year 1779 was promoted to the captaincy in which rank he continued till the end of the war; – That he was taken prisone at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1781; & put on board a prison ship for 22 days by Arnold [Benedict Arnold] ; and upon the arrival of Lord Cornwallis, he was put on shore by his order ; he continued in captivity until, & was discharged at the close of the war: – That he left his Commissions & other documents in Virginia when he removed to Kentucky: That he is about 68 years of age, & has lost the use of his right arm & hand in a great measure; – That he is in reduced circumstances in life & in need of Assistance from his Country for support for himself & his family & having never received any pension from the United States or any of them; he prays a pension may be granted him etc.

S/ Robt Yancey



Also before me, Henry Banks who being first duly sworn, deposed, that he has been acquainted with the aforesaid Robert Yancey since the year 1776; – that during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain said Banks was a resident of Virginia, and knew that Yancey served as a cornet, Lieutenant & Captain of Dragoons in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.



Given under my hand, as District Judge at Frankford, Kentucky, this 23rd day of May
1818

S/ Robt Trimble
District Judge

¹ BLWt2465-300—Capt. Issued May 5, 1790 to Wm J. Vredenburgh, assignee No papers.

Schedule

District of Kentucky Woodford Circuit

On this 14th day of September 1820, personally appeared, in open court being a court of record for the said district, and circuit of Woodford County, Robert Yancey, aged 71 years, resident in Woodford County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he entered the Army in 1776 in Culpeper County Virginia as quartermaster to the 1st Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland, that in 1779 he was promoted to a Captain in said Regiment of light Dragoons. That he served as Captain until he was taken prisoner at Petersburg 10th May 1781 & remained Prisoner until the end of the Revolutionary War that he has received a Pension and the Number of his Pension Certificate is 12 374

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Two cows and calves	\$24
one old saddle	4
two axes	6.12 ½
one pair of saddle bags	6
old watal [?]	20
two sows & eight pigs	6. 50
six turkeys	5
two Hoes	2
old mare [?]	4.12 ½
old ??	1.42

S/ Robt Yancey

That he is by [indecipherable word] a common farmer has no wife no family living with him except a widow his daughter & three children who has no property

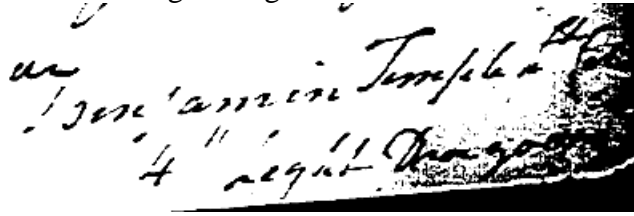
Sworn to, and declared, on this 14th day of September 1820 before
S/ Henry Davidge, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing May 23, 1818, for service as a Captain in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Captain Robert Yancey [paper damaged and text missing] been a Commissioned officer in the first Regiment [of] Light dragoons ^{from March 1777 until this date &} upwards of three years [as] Captain & is now a prisoner of War
1783 January 15th S/ Benjamin Temple Lt. Colo.

4th Light Dragoons



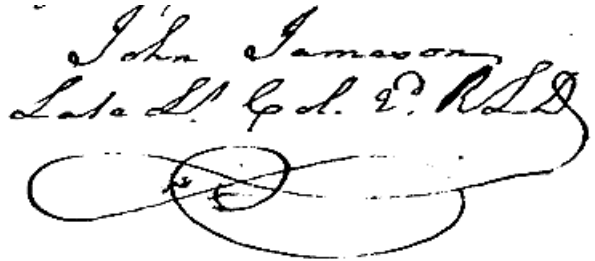
Handwritten text on a document, possibly a certificate or record, mentioning "4th Light Dragoons". The text is written in cursive and is partially obscured by a dark, irregular shape.

[The following document is posted in split image and some words may have been dropped in the following transcription]

This may Certify that Captain Robert Yancey entered into the Light Horse continued in the said Service in June 1776 and that he [was] in May 1780 in said Regiment at the time I left it – and that I have reason to believe he continued in the service until the expiration of the War given under my hand this 7th day of May 1784

S/ John Jamason

Late Lt. Col. 2nd R. L. D.



Handwritten signature of John Jamason, Late Lt. Col. 2nd R. L. D. The signature is written in cursive and is followed by a large, decorative flourish.