

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Irvine (Ervin, Erwin) S36611

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District of Kentucky, SS.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the State of Kentucky for the said district, personally appeared James Irvine aged sixty-eight years, resident in Jessamine County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said James Irvine enlisted in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia for the term of Two years in the company commanded by James Johnson of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball and served said time & then served Three years in the 14 Virginia Regiment under Colonel William Davis [William Davies] and; that he continued to Serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the year 1780 when he was discharged from service in Morris Town in the state of New Jersey, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Guilford [March 15, 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but what is here annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

Lunenburg County October 6 1797 James Irvine who was raised in this County and during the late war served as a Soldier in the Continental Army in which he was active since which has behaved himself as an honest Citizen and is now about to removed to the State of Caintucky [Kentucky], This is to Certify that the said Irvine leaves this County in good Credit and in general esteem as an honest hard laboring man. Given under our hands.

S/ Joseph Yarbrough [?]

S/ Fredk. Nance [Frederick Nance]

S/ John Moon

S/ Robert deGraffenreid

S/ John Barry Senior

in hands  
Joseph Jackson  
Treas. & Justice  
John Moon  
Robert de la Harpe  
John Barry

Jessamine County viz.

This day Thomas Wilkins<sup>1</sup> of Washington personally came before me a Justice of the peace for said County of Jasmine & made oath that James Irvine served as a regular soldier 3 years in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Colonel William Davis, and got a regular discharge for his service. Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1816.

S/ John Metcalfe

District of Kentucky Fayette Circuit Sct.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said District and Circuit of Fayette County James Erwin [sic] aged 64 years resident in Jessamine County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: I enlisted in the Continental service in the revolutionary War in the year 1775 or 1776 under Captain James Johnson in Lunenburg County Virginia, State of Virginia, and served five years, the first two I served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, and the next three I served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Captain Winston Served at the battle of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, at the Taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] with old Wayne [Anthony Wayne], and was at the battle of Guilford in the militia after the 5 years and many other skirmishes all in the Continental service. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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: the amount of the value of the property of James Erwin – Hogs worth \$30, household furniture \$35 – Horses \$50, cattle \$75, Sheep \$8, cash \$54, an old Negro woman over 60, worth \$10

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S/ James Erwin, X his mark

<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [Thomas Wilkins S35742](#)

I have in family none but my wife aged about 62, very much afflicted with the Rheumatism and a swelling in her breast, I myself am very much afflicted with Rheumatism pains in my arms, and can scarcely cut wood enough to make a fire to warm me in the winter. The old Negro woman before mentioned is rather a burden & expense. My pension certificate is dated 6 January 1819, is numbered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Side of the sheet 5201, and on the back 15 and is in the name of James Irvine

S/ James Erwin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I James Irvin [sic] of the County of Jasmine and State of Kentucky aged 84 years being first duly sworn in open Court: Do make the following Declaration in order to obtain of the United States Government the lands guaranteed and promised by the State of Virginia to the soldiers for his services during the Revolutionary War. That this Deponent enlisted for two years in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia Continental line in the month of February 1776 in the company of Captain James Johnson, who was the senior Captain in Colonel \_\_\_ Ball's Regiment and continued in the discharge of his duties as a soldier until the expiration of the aforesaid time, being employed as a Guard at various points and recruiting stations. Upon his discharge and immediately after the expiration of the aforesaid services before leaving the Army I again enlisted for three years in the Virginia State line in the company of Captain John Winston in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davis and whilst employed in the latter service I was in the following Battles (namely:) Brandywine, Monmouth, the Red Bank Fort, Stony Point, German Town, and on Christmas Frolic [Christmas Frolic] at Morris Town and Trenton. Now after the lapse of half a Century and nearly all my Compatriots having gone into Eternity, I am poor and on the brink of the Grave: and never having received directly or indirectly any land or land warrants therefore, I humbly request the Secretary of War to give or cause to be granted to me the amount of lands guaranteed and promised at the several periods of my enlistments, I refer said Department to the files of the pension Office for my [several indecipherable words] of services. [The balance of the words at the bottom of the page of this document are either too faint to discern or have been cut off]

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[Attestation in Jessamine County Kentucky March 15, 1841]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784, in the name of James Irvin, as a Soldier of Infantry for £16 points 17 points 17, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Glenn and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the first day of June 1786, in the name of James Irvin, as a Soldier of Infantry for £37.4.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1841.

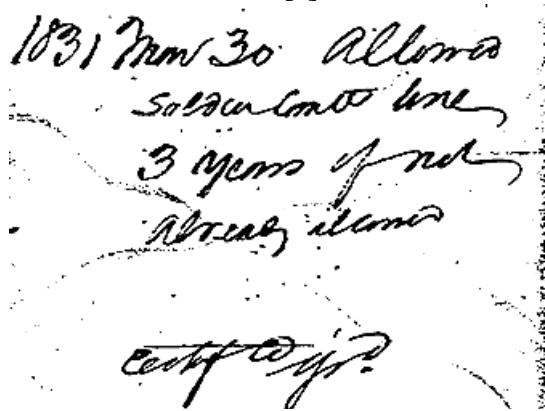
S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 5-page file indexed under "James Irving"

[Transcribers Note: this file contains copies of the 1818 application as transcribed above together with the citizens' certificate from the citizens of Lunenburg County, also as transcribed above.]

1831 Mar [?] 30 Allowed soldier Continental line 3 years if not already allowed  
Certified Yrd [?]



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Soldier Continental line  
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