

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Husbands: S38058

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

DISTRICT OF Virginia, Berkeley County, SS.

On this 28th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, sole & presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law, of the said County, personally appeared James Husbands aged Sixty years, resident in Berkeley 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 Husbands enlisted in Wilmington in the state of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain John Patten [or Patton] of the Delaware Regiment on continental establishment then commanded by Col. David Hall; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the Revolutionary war, when he was discharged from service in New castle, in the state of Delaware, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], GermanTown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and a number of Skirmishes also in the Battle of Camden South Carolina [16 Aug 1780] 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 except the annexed affidavit of John Albertus

Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware

Dover - 5 July 1819

There are in this office pay rolls of Captain John Patten's company, which belonged to the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col. David Hall in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war on the continental establishment, from May 1777 to March 1780 inclusive; from which it appears that a man of the name of "James Husbands" enlisted into the said company on the 16 July 1777, and served therein, as a private soldier until the 1st October 1777, and afterwards as a corporal until and during the month of August 1778: His name is not mentioned in any of the said pay rolls after that for August 1778 and it does not appear from any of them what became of him.

It appears further from a "Muster roll of the non commissioned officers, drummers and fifers, and rank and file of the late Delaware Regiment (then) the first company of the second Battalion in Col. [Otho Holland] Williams' [Maryland] Regiment serving in the Southern army of the United States", dated "Hillsborough N. Carolina Sep'r 1780"; and which muster roll is in this office, that a person of the name of "Jas Husbands" then belonged to and was a corporal in the said last mentioned company and that he was missing on the 16th August 1780. -

Certified for the United States War Department H. M. Ridgely

Virginia to wit

At a court continued and held for Berkely [sic] County the 11th day of July 1820

On this 11th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record James Husbands aged about sixty five years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, as a private Soldier in Captain Pattons Company in the 1st Regiment of the Delaware line commanded by Colo David Hall, that he made his original declaration on the 28th day of April 1818 and obtained a pension certificate numbered 14.299 and the said husbands doth moreover solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by Gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part there of with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor any person in trust for him any property or securities

contracts of debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by him subscribed. The said Husbands further declares that he is a cooper but has not bodily strength to pursue his trade being much crippled by many casualties which have occurred in the course of his life, in fact this declarant stated that until he received the aid of the pension before mentioned he was supported by the County. He has no family. Sworn to and declared to be true on the 11th day of July 1820 before the Court aforesaid

Schedule

I have no property either real or personal.

James Husbands