

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James League S38134

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Virginia to wit: At a Superior Court of Law held for Prince Edward County the 27th day of April 1818, before William Daniel, Esquire Judge

This day James League of the County of Prince Edward about 75 years old appeared in open Court and made oath that he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War sometime in the year 1776 or 1777 under Captain James Foster of the 15th Virginia Regiment for two years, that he served [paper damaged and one or more words illegible] and afterwards enlisted with Captain Samuel [paper damaged and last name illegible] of the same Regiment for and during the war, that he was in the Battles at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] = Siege of York [culminating in the capture of Cornwallis on October 19, 1781] and at Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina surrendered to the British by General Lincoln on May 12, 1780] and in various other skirmishes and was discharged at Richmond by Major David Stevenson in 1782 or 1783. That he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support – And John L. Crute¹ being sworn, made oath that he was a Lieutenant in the same Regiment with James League a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that the said League enlisted first with Captain James Foster in the year 1776 for 3 years, that he served during said period and afterwards enlisted for during the war.

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Teste

S/ B. J. Worsham, Clk

Virginia, At a Court held for Prince Edward County the 18th day of September 1820. –

James League a pensioner, this day appeared in open Court and made the following declaration on of "District of Virginia and County of Prince Edward to wit, On the 18th day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a Court of record for said County, James league, aged 76 years, resident in said County and district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, in the 15th Virginia Regiment, Captain James Foster's Company and Virginia line on the Continental establishment; his original declaration under the act of Congress 18th of March 1818, bears date 27th day of April in the year 1818 and his pension Certificate number __. 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

¹ [John L. Crute S24980](#)

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

Schedule

2 pine Chests	1 hand saw
1 ditto Cupboard	2 weeding hoes
1 ditto Table	2 axes
2 Cotton Wheels	1 pair Tongs & Shovel
1 pair Cotton Cards	6 Earthen plates
1 pair Wool ditto	6 do Cups & Saucers
	2 do Dishes

S/ James League, X his mark

The aforesaid Declarant further states that he pursues the profession of planting and farming, that his age and feebleness is such that he can no longer work too much effect, that he has residing with him at this time Martha a daughter aged 40 years Rheumatic and infirm, Caty Ann his granddaughter, aged 7 years, Judy also his granddaughter aged 5 years and Branch his grandson and infant about one year old, all children of his aforesaid daughter Martha & dependent on him for support.

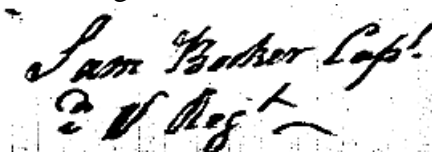
S/ James League, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 27, 1818, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

This will certify that James League enlisted with me to serve as a soldier in the 15th Virginia Regiment the 9th day of March 1777 the term of three years & afterwards enlisted late in the year 1778 to serve during the war. Given under my hand at Richmond this 7th of June 1783

S/ Sam Booker, Captain
3rd V. Regt.



Certified that James League enlisted with me as a Soldier in the Continental Army the 23rd day of December 1778 to serve during the War.

Given under my hand this 4th day of April [illegible year]

Copy J Pendleton, Junior

S/ Saml. Jones, late Captain 11th Virginia Regiment

another file; claim by heirs

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of James League, Deceased, late of Prince Edward, and a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, during the War of the Revolution:

Your memorialist respectfully represent that the said James League enlisted a soldier in the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment, sometime in the fall of the year 1776, under Captain James Foster, for "three years," and was attached to the 15th Virginia Regiment, which period he served faithfully: that he, afterwards, enlisted with Captain Samuel Jones of the same Regiment, to serve "for and during the war;" that he was in the battles at Monmouth, siege of York and it Charleston, and various skirmishes, and was discharged at Richmond by Major David Stevenson in 1783 – That the said James League was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, under the Act of Congress passed the 18th of March, 1818 – All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying certificates of Lieutenant John Crute of the same Regiment, and a copy of the said League's Declaration for a Pension – and William P Hamlett, a soldier. Your Memorialist further state, that an examination has been made among the papers of the said James League deceased for his said discharge, which cannot be found, and presume have been lost or by some means destroyed –

That the name of the said James League appears on the Army Register of the Continental line; and that he has not received his Land Bounty, to which he is entitled, according to report of John H Smith Esquire, late Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims –

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly pray that they may be allowed as Heirs at law, the quantity of land, to which the said James League in his lifetime was entitled for services rendered as a soldier in the Continental line for "3 years" upon the first enlistment; and also for services rendered upon the 2nd enlistment, "for and during the war" of the Revolution, and pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – And in duty bound shall ever pray &c &c

S/ James League, X his mark
S/ William Loving & Lucy his wife
S/ Patsey League, X her mark

Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James League of Prince Edward in the Revolutionary war: he enlisted under Captain Foster in 1776 to serve for 3 years, and was attached to the 15th Virginia Regiment: he, afterwards, enlisted under Captain Jones of the same Regiment, to serve for & during the war, and was taken prisoner at Charlestown in South Carolina, and when exchanged, returned to the Army and was honorably discharged in 1783. He served the first enlistment of 3 years, before he enlisted for the war – These facts come with in my own personal knowledge – I am in the 78th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ William H Hamlett²



[Attested in Charlotte County Virginia June 5, 1837]

[Note: I didn't find Crute's affidavit in this file even though said to be in it.]

² FPA S13305