

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Lyon S38159

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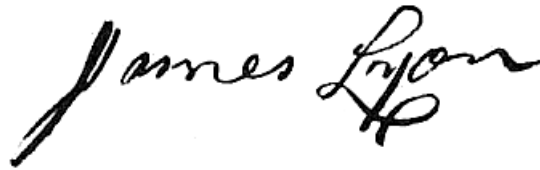
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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1818 in open Court personally appeared James Lyon aged sixty years, resident in Fauquier County and District aforesaid, who being 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 Lyon enlisted in Stafford County in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Gustavus Brown Wallace of the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer [Hugh Mercer] and afterwards by Colonel Weedon [George Weedon] that he continued to serve in the said company and in the service of the United States from the end of 1775 or the commencement of 1776 until about the end of the year 1777 two years having been the term of his enlistment, when he was discharged from the service in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the Battles of Harlem Heights [September 16, 1776] and White Plains [October 28, 1776] 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 affidavits.

S/ James Lyon



The affidavit of Robert Randolph made in open Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1818. This Deponent states that he served as an officer during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain in the station of an Ensign in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and afterwards by Colonel Weedon, that James Lyon an applicant for a pension from the General Government enlisted in a company of Infantry of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment commanded by Captain Gustavus Brown Wallace this Deponent does not know the term of his enlistment, and thinks that James Lyon was a faithful and patriotic soldier.

S/ Robert Randolph



Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Fauquier Virginia being a Court of Record made so by an Act of Assembly invested with Common Law and Chancery Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and with the power of fine and imprisonment keeping also a Record of its proceedings James Lyon in his 65<sup>th</sup> year resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted as a soldier for the term of 2 years under Captain Gustavus Brown Wallace of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Mercer and Lieutenant Colonel George Weedon at Falmouth now in Stafford County Virginia that he served under Captain Wallace one year and 10 months and Captain Lowe 2 months making together in the musketry the term of 2 years that he was discharged at Philadelphia by Captain Lowe that he has lost his discharge that he was in the battles of Harlem Heights and the White Plains that the evidence of his service will more fully appear by reference to his declaration and the affidavit of Robert Randolph filed in the war office of the United States that his original declaration was made in the County Court of Fauquier Virginia the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1818 that the annexed is his certificate of pension number 5259 that he has received his pension under it up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1820.

I James Lyon 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 that is to say one Shop Board one goose a pair of shears and scissors a set of teacups and saucers and 6 teaspoons one looking glass a shaving Box and a razor and one ear thin Bowl that I am by profession a Taylor [tailor] that I have no wife and three children John, James and Nancy aged forty years, thirty-seven years and thirty-three years that none of them lived with me that I obtain no assistance from either of them that he is afflicted with Rheumatic pains is too infirm and unable from defect of site to support himself by his trade that he is a border in a private family and that from his pension he derives his support solely and contributes as much as he can to the comforts of the family in which he lives by petition stating with them in such things as his pension affords that he is unable to support himself without the assistance of his country or private Charity.

S/James Lyon

[Facts in file: Veteran died in Fauquier County Virginia December 15, 1836.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]