

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Townsend S3823

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State of Ohio Athens County SS

On this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the President and Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and the County of Athens aforesaid, now sitting, James Townsend a resident of Lee [?] Township in the County of Athens and State of Ohio, aforesaid, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He served under Captain Andrew Lovich [could be Lorich] (or Lorage) one tour of three months as a septic cute for his brother. He served a second tour under Captain Robert McCleary of three months as a substitute for a man who was drafted. He served under Captain Thomas Hicklin a third tour of three months as a substitute. He served under Captain William Kincade [William Kincaid?] a fourth tour of three months as a substitute for a man who was drafted, in all one year. He was born in Somerset County in Maryland and removed from thence into the adjoining County and Delaware and from thence to the waters of James River and from there to Elk Creek, near Clarksburg Virginia where he lived near 30 years and then removed into the State of Ohio. He served his first tour of three months in the year 1776, he left home he thinks in August and was discharged in November, his Lieutenant's name was Andrew Kincade [Andrew Kincaid?], he was then residing at the Cow Pastures on the waters of James River and was marched to Clover Lick near Greenbrier against the Indians. His second tour was in the spring of 1778, he thinks he left home in April or May; and marched to a Fort on the Ruapp's [?] Creek a branch of Greenbrier against the Indians. His third tour was in the same year not having returned home after the second term expired. His last tour was in the year 1779 commencing about the middle of April and he marched seven days to Nutter's [?] fort on the waters of the Monongahela, 100 miles from his home on James River waters. He was never in any battle but was often engaged in the hot pursuit of Indians and endured much hardship & fatigue. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except Joel Lowther¹ a Revolutionary Pensioner, who was with him at one of the forts whose testimony he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Townsend, X his mark

¹ FPA W4269

[Asa Stearns, a clergyman, and William Howell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia militia.]