

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Travis S38445

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct

On this 28th day of October 1833 before William Kinkade a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared James Travis a citizen of Shelby County Kentucky, aged 84 years who upon his oath doth make his declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1777 he was a citizen of the State of Virginia Culpeper County that in the fall of the aforesaid year he enlisted as a regular in the war of the revolution for three years in Captain Gabriel Long's Company of Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment of Virginia Line, that General Gates [Horatio Gates] commanded the Brigade, that he served out the time for which he enlisted, and received a discharge from the aforesaid three years services that he has received from the State of Virginia a land warrant for one hundred acres for similar services he states that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service except Daniel Hartley upon whose testimony & others he got his land warrant, that he has lost said discharge.

He hereby relinquishes all his claim to a pension but the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll or any agency thereof in the United States. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Travis, X his mark

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Kentucky Shelby County – to wit –

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Shelby Daniel Hartley¹ – who being duly sworn states that he served as a Sergeant in the revolutionary war in General Morgan's rifle Regiment in a company commanded by Captain Gabriel Long, and that James Travis was an enlisted soldier for and during the war, in the same company – and that he said Travis served in the Revolutionary War to his the said Hartley's personal knowledge for about three years.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of August 1829

S/ Sam. M. White, JPSC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia service.]

[Note: Although correspondence in the file indicates that one or more earlier applications by this

¹ FPA S36571

veteran were made for a pension, the file does not contain any of those applications. That is another application dated May 13, 1834 filed on behalf of this same veteran but it is almost word for word an exact duplicate of the application transcribed above.]

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Addendum to James Travis S38445

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 18 April 2022.

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

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Sct

I James Travis a citizen of the County of Shelby and State aforesaid, do on my oath state that I served in the war of the revolution three years under Captain Gabriel Long and belonged to the eleventh Virginia Rigmnt Gen'l Morgan was the Commander of said Rigmnt, that in the state of Virginia in the year 1779 I think the spring of that year I enlisted as a regular Soldier under said Long for and during the war of the revolution that I faithfully served out my time of enlistment in the eleventh Virginia Rigmnt on Continental establishment, that from said service I received a discharge from my Captain Gabriel Long in the state of Virginia. Some time after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], after having served three years and upwards. that I am now 83 years of age and have not received any bounty land from the Gen'l Government or the State of Virginia, that I have not transfered my claim to the same that I have not received a [part missing from bottom of page]

[The certification by the justice of the peace dated 23 Nov 1832 states that Travis "has the appearance of being a man of age between 70 and 80 years."]