

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Largent S3857

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State of Ohio County of Champaign SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October personally appeared before George B Holt President and Obed Horn, James Smith and William Runkle judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County & State aforesaid James Largent a resident of Harrison Township in the County of Champaign and State of Ohio, aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with William Vanse [William Vance] and served in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers: Colonel Wood [James Wood] Commandant of the Regiment; Captain William Vanse commanded the company to which he was attached to the first Lieutenant of such company was Abram Hight [Abraham Hite]; – he left the service in the year 1779; at the time he entered the service he resided in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia, during the service he was engaged in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], he marched from Winchester Virginia to Philadelphia thence to Trenton New Jersey, thence to headquarters somewhere in the State of New Jersey but at what point or place in that State this applicant cannot now recollect, from New Jersey he marched back to Philadelphia, thence marched for Carolina but was discharged somewhere in the State of Virginia. This applicant has heretofore transmitted testimonials of his service as above stated to the war Department to which he refers in which may be found in some of the officers of the Department. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ James Largent, X his mark

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled –

The petition of James Largent a revolutionary soldier on Continental establishment of Virginia states that he enlisted in Captain William Vance's Company Colonel James wood's Regiment on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 for and during the war and continued in Service 3 years and was then discharged, the company having been broken up.

That your petitioner is old and infirm, now residing in Champaign County Ohio: and in order to substantiate his claim to a pension from Government according to the provisions of the act of

Congress in such cases made and provided your Petitioner they's leave to refer to the affidavit of Captain Abraham Hite late of the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia Continental troops hereto affixed – which he prays to be taken and considered as part of this his petition for a pension, all which is respectfully submitted –

S/ James Largent, X his mark

[Attested in Champaign County Ohio January 6, 1832]

Abraham Hite<sup>1</sup> of Jefferson County State of Kentucky states that he joined the Army of the Revolutionary War in Spring of the year 1777 being at that time first Lieutenant in Captain William Vance's Company, Colonel James Woods Regiment. That he well remembers there were 2 soldiers in Captain Vance is one named James Largent the other Ely Porter. That from a Register (now in his Possession) of the names and time of enlistment of the soldiers in Captain Vance's company it would appear that James Largent Enlisted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1777 and Eli Porter enlisted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1777 both of them to serve during the war. It also appears from said Register that Eli Porter was tried by a Court Marshall on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1779 for Playing at cards. How long said Largent and Porter continued in Service is not within my knowledge but believed there were both in service during the Campaign of 1779. I marched with the Virginia Troops to the South during the winter 1779, 80. I have no recollection of Largent or Porter being with the Regiment on its March to Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina]. There were a hundred soldiers obtained furloughs in Philadelphia about Christmas 1779 and were to joined the Regiment again in its March through Virginia. I cannot say if Largent or Porter were, or not, among those who obtain Furloughs, but I am pretty Certain if they were, they did not join the Regiment in Virginia or on its March to Charles Town. I was captured by the Enemy at Charles Town in May 1780 and continued a prisoner on Parole until the end of the war, and had no opportunity of knowing which of the Soldiers continued in service to the end of the War.

Given under my hand this day of November 1831

S/ Abr. Hite, formerly a Captain in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

Buck Grove Jefferson County 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1831

Mr. James Largent

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ultimo I can only say that I have made out such a Statement respecting your Services, as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War as from the best of my memory, and from the Register in my Possession, is in my power to make.

I apprehend it will require more (under the Law) then is in my power to State, to be of any Service to you in obtaining a pension, the time of your discharge or your Continuance in the Army to the End of the War are matters I can say nothing about and well I presume be necessary for you to show or make appear.

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Abr. Hite

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Abraham Hite S46385](#)

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

I do Certify that James Largent enlisted in my Company the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment 29<sup>th</sup> of January 1777 & served the term of 3 years.

S/ Wm Vanse Capt.

Countersigned

S/ James Wood, B. G. V. Line

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S/ Phil Southall, C. B. A.