

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tatum ¹ S39102

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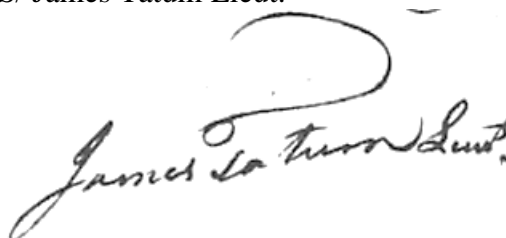
District of West Tennessee

On the first day of April 1818 James Tatum came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States, that he may receive the benefit of the provisions of and the Act of Congress passed in the winter of 1817 and 1818 ^{to wit, on the 18th of March 1818} entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." And being duly sworn deposed and saith that he belonged to the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war, in Captain McCrory's [Thomas McCrory's] company and in Captain Rochels [John Rochelle's] company, commanded by Colonel John Williams of the North Carolina Continental line, that he entered the service on the 12th day of August 1777 as an Ensign in Captain McCrory's company and that he was promoted to a Lieutenantcy to take Rank from the 14th day of December 1779 then in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogan [James Hogun]. That he was captured at Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and did not leave the service until the end of the war. At this time he had been transferred to the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ James Tatum Lieut.



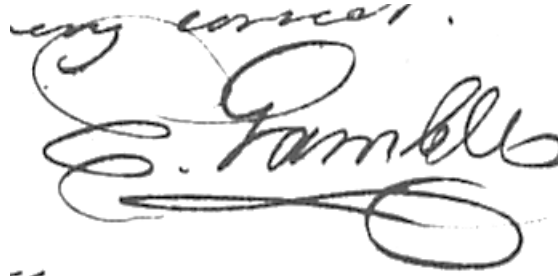
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On the 1st day of April 1818 Edmond Gamble (who states himself to be a brevet Captain in the revolutionary War) came before me and made Oath that he has known the above James Tatum since before the commencement of the revolutionary [war], that he was well acquainted with him during the revolutionary war, that the said Tatum was an Officer in the Army and

¹ BLWt2226-200 Lieut. & Ensign Issued Jan. 10, 1791 No papers. The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

served until the end of the said War, and that he believes the statements made above by the said Tatum to be very correct.

S/ E. Gamble



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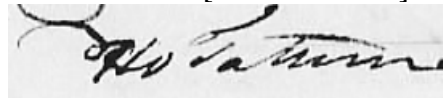
District of West Tennessee:

On the 2nd day of April, 1818, Howell Tatum appeared before me and made oath that he was a Revolutionary officer in the first regiment of North Carolina Continental troops, and that he served from the 1st day of September 1775 until sometime in 1782. That he well knew James Tatum, the applicant for a pension, as he is the brother of the said deponent and knows of his appointment as an officer which took place sometime about the 12th of August 1777 in the 9th regiment of No. Carolina Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Jno. Williams [John Williams], in which regiment he served until a new arrangement of the army took place in the year 1778, at which time he became a Second lieutenant in the 3rd regiment of the said State, commanded alternately by Colonels Hogan [James Hogun] and Mebane [Robert Mebane], in which regiment he was captured in Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina on the 12th day of May 1780, and continued a prisoner during the Revolutionary War. The different changes in his rank while a prisoner this deponent has no knowledge of, but well knows he was never otherwise than a commissioned officer during the service, that his Services was against the Common enemy of the Country. This deponent well knows the Situation of the said James Tatum and that he stands in need of Assistance from Government for his Support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Ho. Tatum² [Howell Tatum]



On the 11th of April 1818 James Tatum named in the foregoing affidavit came before me and made oath that he hath not been heretofore allowed any pension by law of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ James Tatum, Lieut.

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State of Tennessee Davidson County SS: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Davidson County October Sessions 1820

On this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court said Court being a Court of record in and for the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee aforesaid as well by statute which created said Court, as the Jurisdiction & preceding of said Court which is according to the course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount – keeping a record of its proceedings, with power to fine and imprison, James Tatum, late a Lieutenant in the North Carolina line of the Army of the Revolution – Aged 63 years

² [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

resident in Davidson County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, that he entered the service on the 12th of August 1777 as an Ensign under the command of Colonel John Williams of the 9th regiment of the North Carolina line – that he continued in the service during the whole of the War – He was at the siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and at Lampries Point had the command of three eighteen pounders – under Colonel Malmada [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] – he was during the war promoted to a Lieutenant and at the close of the war honorably discharged – That he has received a pension and has a certificate dated 9th June 1818 payable 4th of March & September by the president of the Nashville Bank Tennessee No. 930.

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 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 – My occupation is a shop Joiner – but from age and infirmity I am totally unable to pursue it, or any other from which a sustenance can be obtained – I have no wife nor child nor friend who is both able and willing to contribute to my support –

And in fact such all my indigent circumstances that I am incapable of supporting myself without the aid of government except by private or public charity.

Schedule

1 colt 2 ½ years old	\$125
an old saddle & saddle blanket bridal martingale and halter	10
1 old trunk—2 razors with a case & shaving box—1 hone—1 pair of Spectacles & a case a silver watch –1 memorandum book –3 old pocket books, one pair of old saddle bags & lock 1 Cloath brush—1 pocket knife	<u>20</u>
	\$155
Bank bills -- \$16.75 balance of pension money	<u>16.75</u>
	171.75 [sic]

S/ James Tatum

[p 12: Image of the original of a commission appointed James Tatum a 2nd Lieutenant in the Continental Army. Very poor condition]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 11th, 1818 for service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.]

Pension Application of James Tatum, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll __, Application #S39102

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

District of West Tennessee:

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applicant for a pension, as he is the brother of the said deponent and knows of his appointment as an officer which took place sometime about the 12th of August 1777 in the 9th regiment of NC Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Williams, in which regiment he served until a new arrangement of the army took place in the year 1778, at which time he became a 2nd lieutenant in the 3rd regiment of the said state, commanded alternately by Colonels Hogan and Mebane, in which regiment he was captured in Charleston, SC on the 12th day of May 1780, and continued a prisoner during the Revolutionary War. The different changes in his rank while a prisoner this deponent has no knowledge of, but well knows he was never otherwise than a commissioned officer during the service.”

State of Tennessee, Davidson County:
16th October, 1820

“James Tatum, late a lieutenant in the NC line of the army of the Revolution, aged 63 years, a resident in Davidson County...that he entered the service on the 12th of August 1777 as an ensign under the command of Colonel John Williams of the 9th regiment of the NC line. That he continued in the service during the whole of the war. He was at the siege of Charleston and at Lampere’s Point, and had the command of three eighteen pounders under Colonel Malmedy. He was during the war, promoted to a lieutenant and at the close of the war, honorably discharged.”

Letter dated October 7, 1937, addressed to a descendant:

James Tatum was commissioned August 12, 1777, ensign in Captain McCrory’s company in Colonel John Williams 9th NC regiment. He was commissioned January 1, 1779, 2nd lieutenant and was commissioned December 14, 1779, lieutenant and served in Captain Rochelle’s company in Colonel James Hogun’s and Mebane’s 3rd NC regiment, and in Colonel Thomas Clark’s 1st NC regiment, was captured at the surrender of Charleston, SC and was a prisoner until the close of the war.”