

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Snell S42020

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The undersigned begs leave to inform your honor that in consideration of his reduced situation in life he is in need of assistance from his Country for support that therefore he is desirous to himself 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 – that he entered as a private Soldier in April 1777 that he served without intermission until April in the year 1780 when he was regularly discharged by Captain Tilman Dixon [Tilghman Dixon] & Colonel Thomas Clark at Charleston – that he belonged to the first Regiment of the United States infantry commanded in chief by General Hogun and under the immediate command of Captain Tilman Dixson [sic] and Lieutenant Charles Dixon and that said Regiment was attached to the Continental establishment. James Snell was in the engagements at Brandywine under Colonel Hogun also at Germantown under Colonel Hogun & Monmouth under Colonel Thomas Clark and at Charlestown under Colonel Clark. He is fifty-nine years old.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Snell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

Sworn to before me
S/ J J Daniel, JSLE
4th November 1818

State of North Carolina Washington County: September 13th 1819

James Snell of the County & State aforesaid maketh oath that he enlisted on the 13th [?] of April 1777 – as a private soldier under Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogan] who commanded the seventh Regiment of the North Carolina Troops in the Revolutionary war between the United States of America & Great Britain, that in the winter or spring after the Battle of Germantown he was transferred from the seventh to the first Regiment of the North Carolina Troops or Infantry attached to the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark Captain Tillman Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon] Lieutenant Charles Dixon [Charles Dixon] under the command in chief of General Hogun, that he said James Snell served faithfully and without interruption in the

said War from the time he enlisted until April 1780 when he said Snell was regularly discharged at Charleston South Carolina by Colonel Thomas Clark & Captain Tillman Dixson, that he the said Snell was under Colonel Hogun at the battles of Brandywine & Germantown and under Colonel Thomas Clark at the battles of Monmouth & Charleston – The said Snell further maketh oath that he was sixty years old the 20th day of May last; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support & prays for that relief to which he may be entitled under the Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War –

The said Snell also states that he never received any Pension from the United States nor from the State of North Carolina. This deponent further states that his discharge from the service of the United States has been lost & that it is not in his power to show at this time how & in what manner it was lost.

S/ James Snell

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th [?] of September 1819

William Spruill¹ of Tyrrell County & State of North Carolina maketh oath that he saw James Snell the person within named at Charleston South Carolina in the year 1780 serving as a common soldier in the regular service of the United States under the command of General Hogun, that the said Snell previous to the above time had been absent from North Carolina his native state for 2 or 3 years, as this deponent has understood & believed in the regular Army of the United States. This deponent further states that he has never heard any charge against James Snell for not faithfully discharging his duty as a soldier. And further that the said Snell is about 60 years old & is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of his Country's aid for his support.

S/ Wm Spruill



Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th of September 1819

S/ T. Nash, JSCLE [Judge Superior Court of Law & Equity]

State of North Carolina Washington County: County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
November Term 1820

The following is a Schedule of the whole Estate and income of James Snell of Washington County State of North Carolina a revolutionary pensioner of the United States his necessary clothing & bedding excepted

Eleven Barrels of Corn valued to	\$14.00
Ten Head of Hogs	20.00
A few Old Carpenters Tools	10.00
Some few old farming Utensils	6.00
One hand mill \$6 & 8 old chairs	8.00
One Canoe \$8 1 Gun \$12	<u>20.00</u>
	\$78.00

I James Snell of the County & State aforesaid 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

¹ [William Spruill R10022](#)

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, so help me God.

S/ James Snell

Sworn to in open Court this 23rd day of November 1820

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month, commencing November 4, 1818, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line area]