

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tate S42035

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Surry County North Carolina: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1828

On the 10th day of November 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Surry James Tate a resident of said County of Surry aged to the best of his knowledge about seventy-one years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 – That he the said James Tate enlisted for the Term of one year in the month of February 177_ in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia in the Company of Captain Henry Fontleroy [Henry Fauntleroy] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the northern Continental establishment in the month of March the same year we marched to Valley Forge, where he continues until the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in which battle he was engaged and where his Captain Fontleroy was killed – after the battle he was transferred to the command of Captain Bently [probably, William Bentley] in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins [probably Thomas Gaskins], he remained in that company and Regiment until he had served more than twelve months, and was discharged on the 19th day of March in the year following his enlistment by Colonel Gaskins at Middlebrook which discharge is lost, after his discharge he was almost constantly engaged in the militia until the close of the War, except about six months immediately before the taking of York Town when he enlisted but was not attached to any particular Regiment on account of the Rheumatism and was in what was called garrison duty watching the motions of the British in the northern neck of Virginia and repulsing their landings in this service he was in some slight skirmishes but in no general Action. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any state except Virginia – he made application for a pension in the year 1820 which Declaration was lately returned to him as informal – he applied again three different times and had three different declaration strong & sent home but cannot learn the fate of them – and lastly he sent on another Declaration in April of this year – which was returned it not being made in Surry Court but being made in Stokes – his situation as to property being such and his needs so great – that he has been constantly soliciting the aid of his Country ever since the year 1820. Meantime the little property he had in that year has been gradually decreasing and his infirmities increasing until the present time he has been deprived of the use of one of his hands, his wife is very old and infirm and besides supporting them he has the charge of a stepdaughter who is helpless and almost an idiot – without aid from his country or private Charity – he is unable to labor, himself, wife and stepdaughter must in a little time be thrown into the poor house of his County.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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.

On the 18th day of March 1818 I owned a small tract of wood land in Grayson County Virginia for which I gave \$55 it is still uncultivated & poor and I have been unable at any time to rent it for anything, and I am trying to exchange it for a small tract near home valued at \$40, and I had no other property in the year 1818 except what I now have but a cow which died and some other small articles. The rest of my property consist of a few old tools of my trade a millwright such as a hand saw, adze, ? & Square 3 planes 2 broad axes, nippers, & drawing knives & a few small articles

1 mare worth about \$30, one pair of cart wheels, one cow, one chest, oven, small pot, skillet, 2 hoes, an ax, shovel & Bull tongue plow, 2 old saddles, a fire [?], & wedge, 2 tubs, a few knives & forks, plates, piggin & small household utensils.

S/ James Tate, X his mark

[Attested by John Wright, Clerk]

[Despite the statement made by the veteran in his application, there are no other versions of his application contained in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 10, 1828, for one-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]