

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hancock S5495

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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

On this 22nd day of November 1832 Personally made Oath before me John S Vaughan a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid James Hancock a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged Eighty years who is not able to attend Court owing to his age & bodily infirmity, being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 – This applicant states that he volunteered in the militia sometime in the revolutionary war but does not recollect the year: entered the service under the command of Captain James Cobb & marched from Halifax County crossing Stanton River at Cole's Ferry and from thence to Williamsburg, and from thence crossing Elizabeth River to the borough of Norfolk, and from thence to the Pleasure house and was discharged on the Chesapeake Bay of a tour of three months. That he served a second tower [tour] of three months in the militia under the command of Major Mabury & Colonel Joshua Powell, crossing he believes the Stanton River at a place called Owen's old Ferry, and from thence arrived near Portsmouth about the time the battle was fought at Guilford [March 15, 1781], and was stationed round about there until the tower of service expired. Making six months of his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war. That he was born in Charlotte County and State of Virginia in the year 1752, were living in Halifax County & state aforesaid in time of the revolutionary war, and do now live in the same, that he has no record of his age. That he knows of no living person at this time by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Hancock, X his mark

[Benjamin H Kirby and Samuel Carter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]