

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Storke Jett S5614

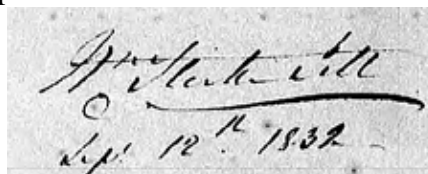
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I William Stork Jett was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> [?] <sup>1</sup> day of Sept. 1763, as stated by my Father's family Bible, in the County of King George, now Westmoreland, near the Town of Leeds [Leedstown?] in the State of Virginia, where I have resided ever since. – In September 1779 I was enrolled in the Militia of said County and did the duty of a private, until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1781 when I was recommended by the Court of Westmoreland (now of record in the Clerk's Office of said County) to the Governor of Virginia as a first Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain Harper [perhaps Robert Harper] – In which capacity I served to the end of the War of the revolution. – The year 1781 being the most active period of the War, in this part of Virginia, the Militia of those Counties bordering on the Potomac River were almost constantly in service, particularly as the British Ships of War, resorted to Blackstone's Island (lying off the center of the said County of Westmoreland) from whence they landed there troops & committed depredations on the Maryland and Virginia Shores, – At all times, when called out, we were without Tents, or pay and compelled to find our own rations. – During one of the Tours, I perfectly recollect that while stationed at Chantilly, General Weedon [George Weedon] of the regular Army visited our camp and reviewed the Troops. – This state of things continued until Cornwallis took possession of York and Gloucester; when a detachment of the Militia of this County, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lane [perhaps Joseph Lane], were ordered to join the Troops collecting on the Gloucester side, under the command of Colonel John Taylor. – With this detachment I marched early in September 1781 and joined the Troops thus assembling. – The day after I got to, the commanding Officer finding that there were too many Officers of my rank among the Troops, I was with others returned as supernumeraries – With respect to the time, I was in actual service, it is impossible for me at the end of fifty years not having any inducement for keeping a memorandum of the time, to be perfectly accurate – but taking everything into consideration, I am under the belief that the period was not short of from nine to twelve months.



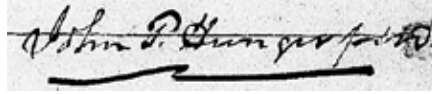
William Storke Jett  
Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 1832

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I John P Hungerford of the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia being called on by W. S. Jett Esquire to examine the Declaration of the said Jett, do hereby certify – That he & myself have always resided within three miles of each other, that we have frequently been on tours of duty, as officers, together, during the Revolutionary War, and that I have a perfect recollection of all of the material facts, stated in the annexed declaration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John P. Hungerford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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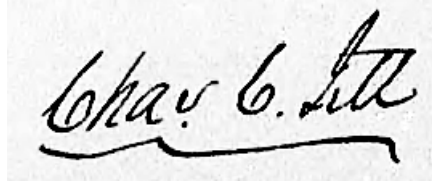
Virginia Westmoreland County to wit:

This day William S Jett personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the aforesaid County and made oath that he cannot recollect with precision how long he was in actual Service, but he is positive that he was so engaged, at different times, for a term of amounting to at least twelve months, as a Lieutenant; and for which service he claims a pension.

Given under my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

S/ Lew Washington, JP

[p 12: Power of attorney dated September 1844 in the town of Oak Grove Westmoreland County by James C Jett as executor of the last will and testament of his father William Storke Jett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James C. Jett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke. A closing bracket "]" is visible to the right of the signature.

[facts in file: The veteran died about the year 1844 leaving a son, Charles C Jett of Oak Growth, Westmoreland County Virginia; the veteran was the son of Colonel Thomas Jett, the name of his mother is not stated in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for one year in the Virginia militia.]