

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pettit S5896

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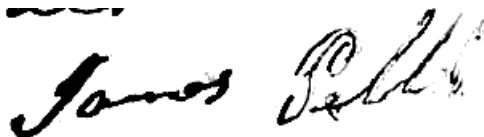
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State of Virginia County of Campbell to wit:

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the said County of Campbell James Pettit a resident of the said County aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That when he was in the 15th year of his age he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the 2nd State Regiment of the Virginia line. This enlistment took place in the County of Louisa where he then resided in the State aforesaid under Captain Jack Pope, and from thence he was marched to Williamsburg in the same State, where he served one year in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. At the expiration of the year aforesaid he was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney of the County of Hanover and marched to the State of Pennsylvania where he joined the Army encamped on the River Schuylkill commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. He does not now recollect the name of the Captain who commanded him at this time. Captain Jack Pope had previously resigned his Commission, and withdrawn from the Army. From the time he left Williamsburg he continued to serve in the Regiment last aforesaid, and under the command of General Muhlenberg for the term of two years when he was discharged at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia, & obtained a written discharge which he cannot now produce it being either lost or mislaid. During the two years he served principally in the north he was as far north as the White Plains and was engaged in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. He served a part of the time before stated as a Sergeant & the balance is as a private. In consideration of these services in part satisfaction of his claim growing out of them he on the 29th of August 1831, received from the Secretary of State of the United States the script prescribed by the act of Congress passed on the 30th May 1830 in discharge of an original military bounty Land warrant granted to him by the State of Virginia for 100 acres of Land, which warrant was numbered 6619, & bore date on 14th day of February 1824.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Pettit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Pettit", written in a cursive style.

1. Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in the County of Albemarle in the year 1762 and raised in Louisa.

2. Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans. I have as taken from my Father's record and it is now at my house.

3. Question. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. I was living when I entered into service in the County of Louisa. The greater part of my life since the revolution in Amherst – at present in the County of Campbell.

4. Question: How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. I enlisted under Captain John Pope. I never volunteered or served as a substitute

Question 5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. First under Colonel Morgan afterwards under Colonel Charles Dabney &c. I was at the battle of Monmouth – no other circumstances recollected more than I have stated in my declaration.

Ques. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans. I had but by whom it was given I do not recollect nor what has become of it.

Question 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Samuel Tardy, Capt. Porter & Major Benjamin Haden.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to James Pettit S5896

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 Jan 2021.


[The parts in brackets are inferred where the right portion of the image is missing.]

James Pettit a Soldier of the 2^d Virginia [Regiment] Having served Three years, the Term for which [he] Enlisted as a Good & faithful soldier He is [Hereby] Discharged the Service Given under my Hand Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] the 24th January 1780. John Lee [VAS867]
Copy J. Pendleton Jr Maj'r. C[missing]

Louisa County Virginia April 14th 1823

I do hereby certify that James Pettit served three years in the 2^d Regiment raised for the state of Virginia one of the years we remained in the State the other two years in different States to the North. the Regiment at the time I was discharged was Commanded by Colo. William Brent [VAS2639]

Tho. Gardner [Thomas Gardner S8548]



I do hereby Certify that Major Thomas Gardner who has given the within Certificate is one of the justices of the peace for the County of Louisa and a man of great integrity Charles Dabney jr

Amherst County to wit

James Pettit of the aforesaid Count personally appeared before me Tensley Rucker a Justice of the peace within the County aforesaid and made oath, that he was a Regular Soldier in Virginia Line on State establishment, in the Revolutionary War. that he continued in Service three years, that a part of the time he was under the Command of Colo. Charles Dabney [R13624], and a part of the time under the Command of Colo. [Daniel] Morgan. that he was regularly discharged at Frederickburg in the state of Virginia after having served out the full term of his enlistment, that the Certificate of his discharge, was left at his fathers William Pettite's who drew a Certificate for the Balance of his full pay; And he presumes that the Certificate of his discharge was then delivered, and has not been returned to him since; And he further states that he has not received his Land bounty which he was entitled to, under the terms his enlistment. Given Under my Hand this 7th day of November 1822. Tensley Rucker

[This petition is followed by a power of attorney signed as shown:]

