

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Withrow S6403

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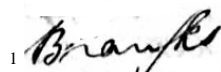
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State of Tennessee Warren County} Omit

On this 5 day of December 8 1836 James Withrow a Soldier of the revolution ^{aged 72- 10th of June last} personally appeared in open court and made the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 5th of June 1832 [sic, 7th June 1832]. Applicant says in 1780 ^{he was drafted into} the service of the United States for three months in Burke County North Carolina in Captain John Sickman's [John Sigman's] company Colonel Charles McDowell commanded the Regiment Captain Sickman organized his company in Burke County and marched to Broad River the object of the expedition was against Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson]. Colonel Ferguson did not come to where Colonel McDowell was stationed but attempted to get round him. McDowell then retreated to Burke from thence he marched towards Gilbert town to meet Ferguson they met at the head of Cane Creek between these two points and we were defeated had one man killed Peter Branks [?]¹ and Captain Joseph White wounded. We retreated from thence across the mountains to the western waters where we remained until reinforcements could be collected when we returned in company with Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Campbell [William Campbell of Virginia], Sevier [Lt. Col. John Sevier] to east of the mountains and went in pursuit of Colonel Ferguson. Applicant in crossing the mountains lost his horse and was left by the balance of his company who rapidly pursued Ferguson to Kings Mountain, he followed on with the footman as fast as they could but did not get up in time to participate in the Battle on the next day we met our troops returning near the Broad River with the prisoners. We marched to Green Lees [Greenlee's Ford, Morganton NC]² on Catawba River Burke where affiant was discharged and went home. On his return home he met with a company of Whigs and joined them and went in pursuit of some Tories who were collected at Isaac Martin's in said County. We dispersed them and went home. We were engaged 3 or 4 days in this expedition. Applicant again entered the service of the United States as a soldier in Captain William Penny's company in 1781 for three months we marched to Wilmington and were discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781] having served eight weeks which will appear from the affidavit of John Lowery accompanying this declaration. In March 1782 he volunteered to go against the Indians in Captain Daniel Whitener's company

¹ 

² Thanks to Fred Weyler for identifying this important location.

Major Jo. McDowell [then Lt. Col. Joseph McDowell] was commander assembled in Burke County and marched west of the mountains and scoured the country and dispersed the Indians and returned home having been engaged between 10 and 15 days. In August 1782 entered the service in Captain James Wilson's company [Rutherford County, NC] the whole commanded by General Charles McDowell Colonel Joseph McDowell commanded our Regiment organized in Burke County and marched to the Cherokee nation the Indians Out of our reach we were engaged in this expedition 20 or 25 days we were discharged and returned home never entered the service afterwards has no documentary evidence of his services nor is there any person living by whom he can prove his services except the 2nd tour by John Lowery he hereby relinquishes all claim or claims to a whatsoever to a pension or pensioners except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state.

S/ James Withrow



Sworn to and subscribed in open court before me the day above
S/ William Armstrong, Clerk

³ Applicant was born June 10th 1764 in Rowan County North Carolina [has] no record of his age thence to the South fork Catawba River in what was afterwards Burke County thence to Knox County Tennessee Madison County Kentucky thence Warren County Tennessee where he has resided ever since for about 25 years received written discharges which he sent to the bord [board] of auditors which were never returned he therefore has no documentary evidence. He served with Colonels Shelby Campbell Sevier Charles & Joseph McDowell Colonel Smith. He is acquainted with William Snark [?], Wm Neal, Matthew Douglass John Randolph & John Duncan in the present neighborhood in which he lives.

S/ James Withrow



[John Randolph, a clergyman, and Clemma Sullivan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Coffee County

John Lowery makes oath that he served in Captain William Penny¹ company with James Withrow who resides in Warren County Tennessee he has seen him in this country and knows he

³ [The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension. The veteran is answering these interrogatories.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

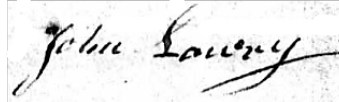
5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

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

is the same man with whom he served in 1781 they volunteered for three months as mounted men they served eight weeks and were discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis which will appear by referring to his papers now in the war office [indecipherable word or words] as he understands this was the only tour he served with said James Withrow.

S/ John Lowry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lowry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Sworn to & subscribed in my presence with whom I am well acquainted I would therefore give him full credit on oath.

Test S/ John Harreford [?], JP

September 27th, 1836

[p 9: In a letter dated March 11, 1850 from the Treasury department, 3rd Auditors Office, \$20 was remitted to Miss Jane Withrow as administratrix of the estate of James Withrow in payment of the arrears of his pension due from September 4, 1847 to September 4, 1848. The Auditor also authorized her to receive the balance due to August 14, 1849 upon the surrender of the pension certificate. Presumably, the veteran died on August 14, 1849. Her relationship, if any, to the veteran is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

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

ⁱ [John Lowry S31215](#)