

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Forrester S6854

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 14th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Surry and State aforesaid James Forrester a resident of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina aforesaid aged Seventy 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 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 or thereabouts with Captain Gibson Wooldridge, Robert Hays was one of the field officers, as well as can now be recollected, belonging to General Davison [William Lee Davidson's] Brigade for the term of six weeks, he served this term of Service as a Volunteer, he, then, in the Summer of 1781, performed a Service in transporting lead from Chisels Mines [Chiswell Lead Mines] in the State of Virginia to the Laboratory near Salisbury in the State of North Carolina under Captain David Humphreys agreeably to the orders or proposition of Colonel Martin Armstrong which Service was accounted a tour of Military duty of three months, for which he obtained a discharge for that time of duty, which discharge has since been lost or Destroyed, this Service also performed as a Volunteer -- he then performed a three months term of Military duty in the Fall of the year 1781 as a volunteer with the said Captain David Humphreys in the Regiment of Colonel James Martin, this Service was called the Wilmington Expedition in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, he also performed a few weeks Service with Captain William Meridy [William Meredith ?] he obtained his no discharge for this Service -- he obtained a discharge for the Wilmington Expedition tour of duty but has since lost or mislaid the same -- he also performed a tour of duty of about five or six weeks with Captain James Gittons [James Giddings] about the time of General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and for the want of Guns the Company was discharged, the field officers not recollected he also performed a tour of about three weeks Service with Captain Samuel Dyer, about the time that Colo. Wallace marched through the State of North Carolina: the field officers to which Captain Dyer belonged not recollected at this time -- all the before mentioned Service was rendered in the Militia of North Carolina and as a Volunteer. In the Wilmington expedition he marched through the Moravian Towns, through Elizabethtown to Wilmington. In the tour of Service under Captain Wooldridge he marched through Salisbury to Charlotte and there joined General Davidson's Brigade -- he Served all the aforementioned duty while a resident of Surry County in all he thinks he served ten months -- he was born in Orange County State of North Carolina in the year 176_ [last digit written over and illegible] -- has a record of his age but does not now know

where it is.

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 in any State.

S/ John Wright, Clk

S/ James Forrester, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Wright, Clk

[Matthew M. Hughes and Thomas B. Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

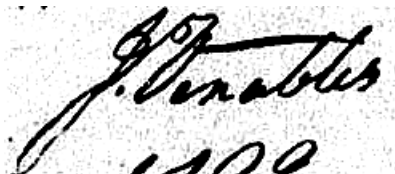
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N. Carolina, Surry County

Personally appeared before me John Venables¹ a resident of Stokes County first sworn according to law deposeh and saith as follows to wit That in the summer of the year 1781 -- the commanding officer of Surry County made a proposition that as many men as would transport 200 pounds of lead from Chisels Mines in the State of Virginia to the Laboratory at or near Salisbury should be entitled to a discharge for a three months Tour of Military duty. This deponent swears that he solved James Forrester in the performance of this service in company with this deponent and does believe that he honestly performed the said service under the command of Captain David Humphreys of Surry County in the State aforesaid -- and this deponent further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 February 1833.

S/ J. Venables

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Venables" with the year "1833" written below it.

S/ R. A. Poindexter, JP

Personally appeared before me Daniel Cochram² of Surry County -- first being duly sworn according to law deposeh and saith that James Forrester a resident of said County performed a three months Tour of Military duty in the fall of the year 1781 called the Wilmington expedition under the command of Captain David Humphreys in the Regiment of Colonel James Martin General Rutherford's Brigade and this deponent further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 February 1833.

S/ R. A. Poindexter, JP

S/ Daniel Cochram, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 8 days in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [John Venable \(Venables\) W18220](#)

² I believe this man is the same person who obtained a pension under the name Daniel Cockerham. [Daniel Cockerham S8241](#).