

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gunston S6939

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County: August Session A.D. 1832

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Said County now sitting James Gunston a Resident of Iredell County and State of North Carolina 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was drafted in Surry County North Carolina to serve five months and joined the Corps at Salisbury where he was placed under Capt. Henry Smith, Col. Brevard [Lt. Col. Hugh Brevard] and General Ashley, marched thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah River and continued in the Service in that Section until the expiration of his five months when he returned home. Afterwards he volunteered under Capt. William Harden [William Hardin], Col. Joseph Williams and performed that tour of duty in the Western country – scouring the line between North Carolina and Virginia and various other services for four months. He next enlisted for eighteen months and joined the Army at Ninety Six under General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. He served at this time under Capt. Brevard [Alexander Brevard] and continued with the Army except when sick for about twelve months. He was part of the time guarding the Assembly of South Carolina. He verily believes that he was more than two years in the service of the Country. He has no discharges or other documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

He was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the year 1761. He has no record of his age. He was living in Surry County NC at the time he entered the service and since the war has lived in Surry County, Rowan County and Iredell County in which last County he has lived there about eight years. He was called into Service and served under the officers set forth in the foregoing statement. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ James Gunston, X his mark

S/ A. Simonton, Clk

[David Lewis and Elam Lovelace gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

This day personally appeared before me the subscribing justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and being sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress

passed the 7th day of June 1832.

He deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. That his first service he was drafted for five months in the year 1777 as well as he can remember into the Militia in the foot under Capt. H. Smith in the Regiment commanded by Col. Brevard. That he entered the service at Salisbury and was marched to Purrysburg upon the Savannah River, and marched thence to the White House, Two Sisters, Turkey Hill, Black Swamp where he met with the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and was dismissed the service.

this Service was 5 months

His Second tour was in 1778. He believes, he entered as a volunteer in the foot under Capt. Harding in the Regiment commanded by Col. Jo. Williams and was engaged in running the line between Virginia and North Carolina and his service was 4 months.

He enlisted in the year 1780 in the foot in the Regular Service under Capt. Brevard in Col. John Armstrong's Regiment and continued to serve for at least 12 months.

Making altogether 21 months

and for such Services I claim a pension.

He was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the year 1760 or 1761.

He has no record of his age.

He was living in Surry County NC at the time he was called into service and continued to live there until a few years ago when he removed first to Rowan & then to Iredell where he now lives.

He has stated how he entered the service.

He has stated some of the Regular officers.

He had a discharge and sold it to William Tyrell Lewis he never had any other. It was signed by John McCaco [?].¹

He has stated the names of Daniel Lewis and Elam Lovelace and knows of no witness which he can procure who can prove his Services.

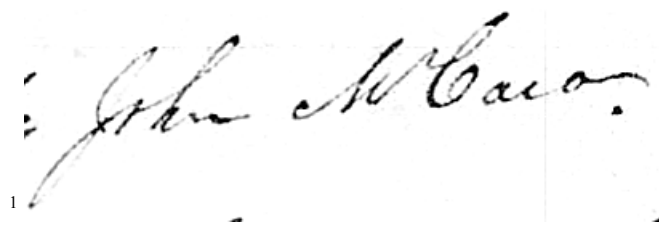
Sworn & Subscribed before me the 21st May 1833.

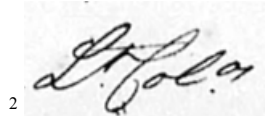
S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ James Gunston, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that I have carefully searched the several documents in this office affording evidence of military service in the revolutionary war, for the name of James Gunston and have not been able to find it. I find on the muster rolls the name of James Gotson a private in Lt. Col.^{os} [?]² Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on 20th July 1778 for nine months, which I should have supposed was





intended to be James Gunston, but for his stating he enlisted for 18 months. It does not appear that James Gotson was discharged or what became of him.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of August 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]