

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Roper S7413

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North Carolina Richmond County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this the 20th July 1832 Personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Richmond James Roper a Resident of said County and State 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 May 1777 and Served in the Second Battalion [sic, Regiment] of the North Carolina Line under officers whose names & Ranks he thinks were as follows, viz., Craddock Captain [sic, then Lt./Captain John Craddock], H Muifree [sic, Hardy Murfree] Major, and Patton [sic, John Patten] Col. – that he resided in the County of North Hampton [Northampton] North Carolina at the time he entered the Service that he marched to Alexandria and after some delay at that place occasioned by the Small Pox he proceeded to or near Valley Forge where he Joined General Washington's Army & passed the Winter, that in the Succeeding Spring he marched towards New Jersey and was at the Battle of Monmouth [October 28, 1777] that Sometime afterwards he marched to Charleston S.C. passing through Wilmington N.C. and was discharged Sometime in November 1780 which discharge he now has in his Possession, and he further states that sometime after his Return home he hired as a Substitute for Robert Boykin for three Months during which time he was in the Battle at Guilford N.C. [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] where he received a Wound in his Head & Arm; that Soon after the Expiration of said Service he hired again as a Substitute for twelve Months in the place of John Garrin and that during that Service he was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs SC [September 8, 1781] the Spring following he was discharged, which discharge he has Lost –

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the Present & he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in Any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Roper²

¹ This file contains applications from two different veterans. Most of the documents in the file relate to the application of James Roper R8996 but some relate to James Roper S7413. I have separated them into separate transcriptions.

² The clerk of the court certified that the foregoing application was a true copy from the records in his office]

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S/ M. P.[could be D.] Crawford, Clk

[The Rev. Mastin P.[could be D.] Crawford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

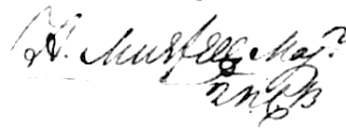
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The bearer hereof James Roper a Soldier belonging to the Second North Carolina Continental Battalion has served honestly and faithfully in the above Battalion for the space of three years and is thereby discharged having served the time for which he Inlisted for as appears by Lieutenant Henry Vinson's Certificate, he having rec'd his pay, arrears of pay, clothing of all sorts and all other Just demands from the time of his Inlisting in the said Battalion to this day of his discharge as appears by his receipt on the back of his discharge

Given under my hand this 22 November 1780

S/ H. Murfree Majr.

2 N. C. B.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Murfree" with "2 N. C. B." written below it.

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I James Rooper [sic] do Acknowledge to have Received all my pay arrears of pay cloathing of all sorts and all Just demands from the day of my Inlisting into the said Battalion to this day of my Discharge

S/ James Rooper, X his mark

Witness

S/ Lewis Carter [?]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]