

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Teete S7696

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### Declaration of James Teete a Soldier of the revolution

In the year of \_\_ when a requisition was made on the Militia of Virginia in defense of the British forces after the declaration of War, I was ordered to Westmoreland Courthouse to stand a draft to go in the main Army, and being infirm by swelled limbs etc., they refused to take me, and was considered at that time and in the leg. Soon after that I got well. The militia was then called out into service at first to defend the depredations committed by the enemy in small vessels, from which they landed at Popes Creek on the plantation of one Daniel McCarty plundering & taking whatever they wanted. I was marched down to that place under James Muse Captain, & Thomas Yeatman Lieutenant & there served in that service three months. From the expiration of that service, I was marched to Nomony Creek on Sanford's farm near Nomony ferry, the same year, and there stayed in defending the neighborhood from the depredations of the enemy coming up in barges for at least three months more under the same officers. From thence we were marched to Hollis' marsh & stayed there some time, thence to Lee's mill & on the Potomac Cliffs near there, when the engagement took place with the *Roebuck* and her tenders & barges, again our Militia composed of three Companies Commanded by Colonel Richard Henry Lee & Captains James Muse, ~~Edward~~ Sanford, and George Robinson. In this action the British lost two men killed and one wounded; and I served in this last service at least three months.

From Lee's Mill we were ordered to Philip Smith's farm near the first place on Popes Creek mentioned above, and served again at this place three months more. This last, was the station we held when we learned the surrender of Cornwallis, & was discharged.

The above stated times I know I served fully, besides skirmishing off & known for three years altogether. Given under my hand & seal this 28th day January 1833.

S/ James Teete, X his mark

State of Virginia County of Westmoreland

On this 28th day of January 1833, personally appeared before the County Court of Westmoreland, James Teete a resident of the County aforesaid & State aforesaid aged 91 years in September next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration annexed hereto, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Teete, X his mark

Amended Declaration of the within named James Teete made in Open Court July 22, 1833.

In answer to the fourth Question propounded by the War Department and not embraced in the foregoing Declaration he is

"Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served?"

I was called upon to the best of my knowledge & believe in 1777 or 1778, & served until Cornwallis' surrender in 1781.

6<sup>th</sup> Question – "Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served in Conformity to the Regulations?"

I can only say that my officers commanding the Regiment & Company were as follows. Richard Henry Lee, was the Chief Commander & I believe was Colonel at that time, and the three companies were commanded by captains James Muse, \_\_Sanford & George Robinson, the first named Captain (Muse) commanded the company I was then, with one Thomas Yeatman his Lieutenant. There was one John Washington who seemed to be second in command under Colonel Lee, but he did not stay long in that portion of the Country where our troops were. I believe he was lower down the Potomac in service. –

13th Question "If the applicant has no documentary evidence and has not obtain the testimony of at least one living witness, as he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?"

Answer. There is not one single man alive that I know of who served with me; many can testify that they were well assured & most cordially believe, that the services were rendered. Among these is Mr. Templeman one of the clergymen who has testified to that effect.

Interrogatories not answer satisfactorily viz.:

"1<sup>st</sup> Where & in what year were you born?"

Answer I was born in Westmoreland County and I believe the year 1742.

2nd "Have you any record of your age & if so, where is it?"

Answer, I have no record of my age. I learned my age through my neighbors of my size when boys together who had registers of their ages. When I was christened by one Parson given he took my age & I understood it was returned to the clerk's office which was burnt afterwards, & I suppose that burnt with the office.

4th "How were you called into service, were you drafted, or did you volunteer, and were you a substitute? Etc."

Answer. I was ordered by my Captain of the militia Company to go to the Court House to stand a draft; I did so, & upon examining me, I was pronounced an invalid & required the whole myself in readiness when well to perform militia service, which I did do after getting well as stated in my declaration.

5th "State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served etc."

Answer. I do not believe there were any Regular officers in the service with me, nor any Continental Regiment in the immediate section of country where we were.

6<sup>th</sup> "Did you ever receive a discharge from the service etc.."

Answer. I received no discharge in writing at all. I received at first from time to time verbal discharges from my Captain to attend again at a moment's warning, & when Cornwallis surrendered in 1781 we were verbally discharged by our officers for good.

7<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory. "State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution."

Answer – There is not one individual alive who served with me as before stated; and as regards

the belief of my services there is not one individual of my acquaintance who I believe would doubt it a moment. The answer or certificate of the Court is game sufficient at this point. As respects my character & veracity, I believe they stand totally unimpeachable, & the clergyman's declaration on that point is already affixed.

S/ James Teete, X his mark

[Samuel Templeman & Lowell Marders, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]