

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Temple S7704

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State of Virginia County of Prince George: On this 8th day of October 1839 Samuel Temple personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Prince George County now sitting being a resident of the County of Prince George in the State of Virginia aged \_\_\_ 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The first time he was called into service he went as a militia man under Captain John Holt in the year 1779 being the year before the Battle at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] he marched down James River and was attached to a detachment which was shifting its position up and down James River between Petersburg and Norfolk to prevent the landing of the British and watch the movements of the enemy, he went into service in the Christmas Holidays and served a tour of three months and was discharged at Mackey's mill on James River war near it, no regular discharge was (as he believes) ever given to any militia man, a mere certificate of service was given to show each man had served his regular Tour. He next went into service under Captain House, he was put under him in Petersburg he was employed in the same manner as the time he was before in service in a detachment marching up and down James River between Petersburg and Norfolk he served two months and was discharged in consequence of being sick; the next time he was called into service he went under Captain Epes [Eppes or Epps?]. He joined the detachment at Mackey's mill went over James River to Williamsburg & from there he was marched to York Town and was in service when Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British forces to our illustrious Washington, he participated in that glorious contest and was on severe duty during the Siege of York, he served seven weeks in this Tour.

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 or only on the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Temple, X his mark

We Augustine Heath and John Fenn<sup>2</sup> (the former being a clergyman residing in the neighborhood of the said Samuel Temple and the latter a soldier of the revolution also residing in the neighborhood of the said Samuel Temple) hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, only 23 pages apply to Samuel Temple; the balance of the file beginning at p 24 relate to the claim of Silas Temple S33787 of Massachusetts.

<sup>2</sup> FPA W2087

said Temple who was subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; and that we believe him to be 79 years of age; and that he is believed and reported to be (in the neighborhood where he resides) a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

*Augustine Heath Minister of the  
M. E. Church  
John Ferris*

Prince George Sct

This day Samuel Temple personally appeared before me William E. Rives – a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that the reason he did not apply for a Pension sooner he was unable to obtain such evidence as he was told was required by the Secretary of War to enable him to a pension, the persons with whom he served having died or moved away. He understands he has complied with the regulations of the War Department issued soon after the law of 1832 passed and did not imagine that lapse of time would ban a claim of the little bounty bestowed on the Soldiers of the Revolution. He swears that his agent in making the application is the same who has acted as the friend of most of the revolutionary claimants in this County and that he is not to receive any part or portion of his pension when obtained and has not instigated him to meet the application in any way or manner.

Given under my hand this 29th day of April in the year 1841

S/ Wm E. Rives, JP

[Facts in file: veteran died March 17, 1853, place not stated; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months and 19 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

[Unfortunately, this file erroneously contains documents relating to the claim of a man by the name of Silas Temple [FPA S33787] of Massachusetts, beginning at f p. 24.]