

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cunningham S8268

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County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia: Sct.

On this 19 day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Court of the aforesaid County James Cunningham a resident of said County & State aforesaid aged 69 – 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. That he joined the Company of Captain Reuben Vaughan [also spelled Reuben Vaughn] of the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia the commencement of the year 1779 – that is the beginning of January of that year & marched under him – John Holmes Lieutenant in said Company, William Holloway Sergeant. That they marched from the said County of Mecklenburg to the Courthouse of the County of Granville State of North Carolina where they joined Colonel David Mason & Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Burwell who commanded the Regiment – from thence we marched to Hillsboro, to Saulsberry [Salisbury], to Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina – thence to Camden South Carolina and thence we marched & joined the main Army commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] near the river Stono South Carolina where we remained till after the battle fought on said River [Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]<sup>1</sup> – (which battle is known by the name of "Stono battle") and in which battle kept as Reinforcements – That about beginning of the month of July 1779 we were discharged – & the discharge of said Cunningham is lost – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension list of the agency of any State – And the said James Cunningham states that he cannot prove these facts by anyone to the best of his knowledge except by William Guy.<sup>2</sup> That he has resided in the aforesaid County of Mecklenburg since the Revolution till now except one year.

S/ James Cunningham, X his mark

Mecklenburg County Va to wit

This day William Guy an old Revolutionary Soldier of Granville County North Carolina came before me a justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid & made oath that James Cunningham of Mecklenburg Virginia served with him six months in the Army of the Revolution under the command of Captain Reuben Vaughan of Mecklenburg Virginia in the Army marched from Virginia under the command of Colonel David Mason to the State of South Carolina.

Given under my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832

S/ Nath'l Alexander

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>2</sup> [William Guy W17969](#)