

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Gentry S8555

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State of Virginia

At a court held for Albemarle County the second day of October 1832

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle now sitting James Gentry aged seventy five 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 born in the year 1757 in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia and resided in said county until the year 1787 when he removed tot he county of Albemarle where he now resides.

On the 11th of January 1777 he enlisted in the service of the United States for the term of three years under Captain [Samuel] Eddins 1st Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison and marched from Hanover County Virginia under the said officers soon after in January 1777, and shortly afterwards was appointed Corporal

In February 1777 he marched to Portsmouth, from thence to Craney Island from thence to the Valley forge near Philadelphia from thence to Monmouth meeting house where he participated in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], from thence he was marched to the white Plains, from thence near Morristown where he was discharged by Edward Carrington Lieutenant Colo. Commanding the 1st Reg't. of Artillery, on the 10th day of January 1780 which discharge he now has in possession and now here shewn to the court, having served a regular term of three years. He has no register of his sage. His name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state, and he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid James hisXmark Gentry

The written discharge above refered to is in these words towit

“James Gentry late a Corporal in Captain Eddins company of the 1st Reg't of Artillery commanded by Colo Charles Harrison, having served the term for which he stood engaged is hereby discharged the service of the United States, his behaviour as a good soldier entitles him to the respect and esteem of all his countrymen. Given under my hand at the Post of Artillery near Morristown the 10th day of January 1780
Edw'd. Carrington/ Lieut. Colo commandant/ 1st Reg't. Artillery”

Thereupon the court propounded to the applicant in open Court the following interrogatories

1 Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in the county of Hanover state of Virginia in the year 1757

2 Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

A. I have no record of my age

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. When called into service I lived in Hanover County Virginia, and there remained until 1787 when I removed to the County of Albemarle where I have resided ever since.

4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

A I enlisted in the Service of the United States for three years & served as stated in my declaration.

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

A I enlisted under Capt. Eddins 1st Reg't. Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison.

George Gentry [pension application S6885] appeared in Court and being sworn says that he knows that the Applicant James Gentry was absent in the service several years the precise time not recollected.

[The following is from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond May 7th 1780. I do hereby Certify that James Gentry a Corporal in Colo. Harrisons Regim't served three years in the said Regim't. and was discharged the 10th day of Jan [illegible]

D. Ragsdale [Drury Ragsdale] Capt. Artillery

NOTE: On 18 July 1851, Peter Gibson, executor, applied for the pension owed to James Gentry up to the date of his death, 22 June 1851.