

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Largent S8824

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County] On this ___day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Rutherford County now sitting James Largent a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 80 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 the 7th of June 1832. Sayeth that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein stated he thinks in the year 1775, he was living in Newberry District South Carolina at that time there was much stir in all gatherings between what was then called the King's men and the liberty man, I joined the liberty men under Capt. McCrary¹ the King's men forted themselves and the liberty men attacked them in their Fort and took it at that place² I received a wound in my thigh went home and soon recovered as soon as I was able I shouldered my Rifle we was at all times ready to serve we was called out on duty very often but I do not recollect any engagement nor do I recollect any General Officer that we was under some in the year 1777 I moved to Rutherford County North Carolina under Capt. Micajah Lewis for 9 months we was ordered on immediately to the State of Virginia to join General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] we was marched to Dan River on the Virginia line at that place our course was changed I recollect on our return we passed through Moravian town then to Ninety Six in South Carolina where we was stationed a short time from that station we was moved on to Bacon's Bridge there I recollect to have seen General Lincoln we was from that place marched to a Fort near Augusta on the South Carolina side we was there but a short time we were marched down the River to Beach island from there to Purrysburg to the Two Sisters ferry from that place to the battle at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]³ where we had a warm time and several of my acquaintances fell by my side at that place I think General Lincoln commanded we was sent from that place to Bacon's Bridge where my term of service expired and I was discharged returned home to Rutherford County North Carolina I immediately became a volunteer in a troop of Course for 10 months under a Capt. James Mucklebaney [sic, James McElhaney] the Regiment

¹ I think there is a very reasonable chance this veteran, while he lived in South Carolina, was a member of the Little River Regiment commanded by Col. James Williams. I think the "Capt. McCrary" he refers to is likely to have been Robert McCreary [McCreery] who is known to have been an officer under Williams in that Whig regiment of militia.

² Veteran appears to referring to the action at Ninety Six, November 19-21, 1775.

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ninety_six_1775.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

was commanded by a Col. Hammond we was sent on to near Augusta we was kept out as Scouting parties and spies we was a Fort Granby when we was ordered on to Eutaw Springs on our march I was to that place was sent as one of a guard with some gentlemen to Augusta before we returned the Battle was over I heard [indecipherable word, looks like it starts "Quart.."] was a [at?] Granby at that place my term of service expired I returned home to North Carolina I shortly after became a volunteer for 3 months under the command of Capt. Robert Gilkey to Charleston where we was stationed we was at that place when we heard that Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] a very soon after we was all Discharged when we returned home. I am entirely illiterate have no memorandum to cause me to recollect dates I am old and forgetful of many of the transactions that took place One thing I know I spent the prime of my life in the defense of my Country and am not able to work for my support and I have not any other way to make one and now call on the Bounty of my Country to support me in my Decline I will [sic, well] know that from the commencement of the War I was engaged in the Defense of my Country to the taking of Cornwallis I was one of the first in the District of Newberry South Carolina who joined the liberty men at that time we had to contend at the least against two to one I was at that time a very stout and strong man I fought and bled for my country's cause and lost all I had but myself who is at this time poor weak and feeble

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Largent, X his mark

[Jonathan Hampton & Charles Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Anson County North Carolina in the year 1752

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

Answer: I have the record of my age now in my possession

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Newberry District South Carolina when I was first called into service I came to Rutherford County in the time of the Revolutionary war and settled where I have lived ever since

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

Answer: My first service was a volunteer for	9 months
my 2nd and was in the light horse	10 months
my 3rd was draft	3 months
I was for all the space between this	
service engaged in scouting parties say	<u>3 months</u>
	25 months

Done in Open court tent September 1832

S/ Thos. F. Birchitt, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$81.66 per annum for his services in the revolution.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to James Largent
Audited Account No. 4439A
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April the 3rd 1782 Received of Andrew Hampton full Satisfaction for the Bounty and wages Due to me for Services Done in Captain James McElhaney's company of 10 months Dragoons in the State of South Carolina. I say Received by me

S/ James Largin, X his mark [sic]

Certified by Jonathan Hampton, JP

Know all men by these prisons that I James Largin [sic] & in consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds Specie Currency of N. C. I have bargained & sold & by these presents Do bargain & sell unto Andrew Hampton all the wages & Bounty Due to me the said Largin [sic] for services done in Captain James McElhaney's Company of 10 months Dragoons in the State of South Carolina which bounty agreeable to the articles of my Enlistment with all & every Claim thereof the said James Largin will Warrant & forever Defend unto the said Andrew Hampton from All Just Claims. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 2nd Day of April 1782

S/ James Largin, X his mark {Seal} [sic]

signed, sealed & delivered in presence of

S/ Nicholas [undeciphered surname]

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.