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Pension Application of James Daniel [Daniels] of Virginia: W10298 f99VA
Sarah Brockman, formerly Sarah Daniel, widow of James Daniel
B. L. Wt. 61184-160-55
Transcribed and Annotated by S. T. Landuyt 12/3/11

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State of Virginia to wit, Sct.

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Orange now sitting James Daniel a resident of the County of Orange and State of Virginia aged about 74 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 7, 1832. He says that he entered the service of the United States in the year __ as a volunteer under Captain John Scott and marched to York town [Yorktown] and there under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson], and after serving about three months or upwards was discharged at Williamsburg. He did not get his discharge in writing; he resided in Orange County at the time he entered the service, he does not recollect the other field officers.

That he afterward was drafted under Captain Francis Moore of Orange and marched to the barracks in Albemarle Major Thomas Barbour was in Command – does not recollect the time of service – about two months he thinks – he was discharged at the barracks – That he afterwards was drafted under Captain Benjamin Johnson – marched to Cabbin point [Cabin Point] and was put under Colonel Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] – from there he marched to Petersburg and was there discharged – He served this tour two or three months – he was afterwards drafted under Captain Richard Webb marched to Richmond and retreated to the Rackoon ford [Raccoon Ford], through Louisa, Spotsylvania and into Culpeper – he joined General Wayne at the said Ford, and then we advanced on the Enemy through Louisa, Fluvanna, Goochland and on our way to Richmond; that he was discharged near the Black Marsh in Hanover before he reached Richmond – he served this tour two or three months – he has no written discharge now in his possession; he resided in Orange during the whole time where he resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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/ James Daniel, X his mark

[Jacob Graves and James Chiles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 43: On September 7, 1832, Frances Henderson & Margaret Daniel gave testimony in Orange County Virginia, that James Daniel served four tours of duty in the Revolutionary War to their own knowledge for "ourselves and sisters had to fix and trim him off for the different tours."]

[f p. 43: On September 24, 1832 in Orange County, Richard White¹ gave testimony that he knew you that James Daniel served two tours in the Revolutionary war.]

¹ Probably the same man as [Richard White S6371](#)

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.
State of Virginia – County of Orange – to wit –

On this the 25th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me Jacob Graves – a justice of the peace in and for the county of Orange and the State of Virginia aged 74 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 ___ June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer during the Revolutionary War under Captain John Scott, and marched to York town, and was there under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson, Jr.?] – he was verbally discharged at Williamsburg, having served as well as he recollects three months – perhaps more – he does not recollect the other field officers under whom he served on this tour, nor does he recollect the date either of his entering into the service, or his discharge from it – He was subsequently draughted as a militia-man from the county of Orange under Captain Francis Moore and marched to the barracks in the county of Albemarle in the State of Virginia – during this time he was under the command of Major Thomas Barbour – the names of the other officers he does not recollect, nor does he recollect the date of his entry in the service on this occasion, or of his discharge – but he thinks that he was discharged verbally at the barracks in Albemarle – and that the length of this tour of duty was two months to the best of his recollection – He was again draughted as a militia man from the same county under Captain Benjamin Johnson, and marched to Cabin Point, where he was put under the command of Colonel ---- Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] – thence he marched to Petersburg – and was there verbally discharged as well as he recollects – the names of the other field officers he cannot recollect – neither can he recollect the date either of his entering the service, or of his discharge from it on this tour, nor can he state the exact length of his service – but to the best of his recollection it was two or three months – he is certain it was not less than two.

He was afterwards draughted as a militia-man from the same county under Captain Richard Webb and marched to Richmond – then through Louisa and Spotsylvania to the Raccoon Ford, and up into Culpepper, where they joined General Wayne – and then they advanced on Cornwallis through the counties of Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, and Goochland, on the way towards Richmond – but he was discharged verbally as well as he recollects near the Black Marsh in the county of Hanover before he reached Richmond – he has forgotten the names of his other officers – he cannot recollect the date either of his entry into, or his discharge from the service on this occasion, nor can he state exactly the length of his service, but he is certain that he served on this occasion not less than two months – and he thinks that it was probably three – The Justice Jacob Graves then propounded to him the interrogatories required by the War Department as follows – to which he gave the answers annexed---

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born at the place where I now live in the county of Orange. I cannot certainly say what year, but I think I am 74 years of age

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

Answer – I have no record of my age – my father kept one in his bible – but it has been destroyed –

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

Answer – I lived where I now live in the county of Orange and State of Virginia when I entered the service, and have lived there all my life –

4th How were you called into the service; were you draughted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer – I volunteered the first tour that I served, and was afterwards draughted as a private militia man for three other tours – all which is stated at length in my forgoing declaration

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – I have given the names of all of the officers that I can recollect in my forgoing declaration. I do not recollect the names of any of the regiments and I have already stated in my declaration the general circumstances of my service as well as I can recollect them – for these matters are so long past that I cannot recollect them accurately –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer – I never received any written discharge as well as I recollect, as is before stated

7th State the names of ~~some~~ of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief in your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer – Jonathan Graves and Capt. William Stephens or any two of my neighbors will testify to my character for truth and their belief in my services as a Revolutionary soldier

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State – And the said James Daniel further deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent lapse of memory, he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than those periods above mentioned in his declaration, and in the grades there set forth and for such services he claims a pension –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test [signed] Jno Z. Holladay

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James + Daniel
Mark

I Jacob Graves -- -- a justice of the peace in and for the county of Orange hereby certify that James Daniel who has made the forgoing declaration before me was in my opinion a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states, and I further certify that by reason of old-age and bodily infirmity the sd. declarant is unable to make his declaration before the court of the county of Orange

Given under my hand and seal this the 25th day of October 1833
[signed] Jacob Graves

We Jonathan Graves -- -- residing in the county of Orange and William Stephens residing in the same hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with James Daniel who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that We believe him to be 74 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion -- Sworn to and subscribed on this the 28th day of October

1833
[signed] Jonathan Graves
Wm Stephens

And the sd. Jacob Graves ---- does hereby declare his opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that James Daniel was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states -- and he further certifies that he knows Jonathan Graves & William Stephens who have signed the preceding certificate and swore to the same before me in due form of law, to be credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to the highest credit -- and further that Francis Henderson and Margaret Daniel whose affidavits annexed to the first declaration made by sd. James Daniel before the court of Orange County are now relied as evidence of his service, are credible persons -- and that their affidavit which was duly sworn to before me is entitled to the highest credit -- and that from their age they must have been acquainted with the occurrences of those days when James Daniel served in the Revolutionary War -- and also that Richard White whose affidavit taken before Mrs. Coleman is attached to the first declaration made before the county court of Orange by James Daniel, is a credible person, and that his affidavit may be entirely relied upon -- and that these are the original papers in the matter of the application of James Daniel for a pension before me Given under my hand and seal of office this 28th day of October ---- 1833

[signed] Jacob Graves

Virginia, to wit

I, Reynolds Chapman Clerk of the county court of Orange do hereby certify that Jacob Graves gentleman before whom the forgoing application of James Daniel for a pension was made, and the certificate of Jonathan Graves & William Stevens sworn to, was at the date of the sd. proceedings and still is an acting justice of the peace in and for the county of Orange, and that the forgoing is his genuine signature -- and that full faith and credit is due to the forgoing his official act as a justice of the peace for sd. county

In testimony of the forgoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 29th day of October 1833 and in the 58th year of the Commonwealth --

SEAL
[signed] Reynolds Chapman

[notation]

No 21958 James Daniel

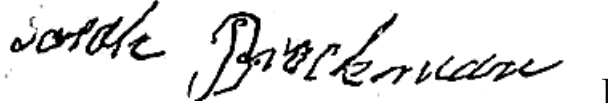
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[f p. 15: On August 23, 1855 in Orange County Virginia, Sarah Brockman, 61, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Daniel, deceased, who was a private in the Revolution and pensioned for the his services therein; that she married him August 18, 1818, and that he died December 14, 1836; that she remained his widow until July 28, 1840 when she married Curtis L. Brockman who died July 12, 1846; and that she remains a widow.

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[f p. 16: On August 24, 1855, in Orange County Virginia, Eliza T. Goodwin gave testimony that she knew that James Daniel, deceased married Sarah Elmore whose name is subscribed to her application for a pension, on August 18, 1818; that she, the affiant, was at the marriage and that James Daniel and Sarah his wife lived together as man and wife until James Daniel died December 14, 1836.]

[f p. 17: On August 30, 1855 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Julia T. Powell testified that she also was present at the marriage of James Daniel to Sarah Elmore on August 18, 1818 in Louisa County Virginia.]

[f p. 21: On November 25, 1856 in Orange County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act. She was granted a warrant for 160 acres.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing February third, 1853.]