

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Langham¹ W11070 Elizabeth Goldsby² f89VA
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District of Georgia SS

On the 6th day of January 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record in said District of Georgia – County of Jasper James Langham aged 60 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the act supplementary thereto passed on the 1st May 1820 that he the said James Langham enlisted for the term of Eighteen months in the month of April 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Howard the Regiment commanded by Colonel Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the 12th May 1780, when Charleston in the State of South Carolina surrendered to the British, where he was taken prisoner, that he remained a prisoner with the British about 6 months, then made his escape from them; and was retaken by the Tories and delivered to Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown] in Augusta, where he remained a prisoner 6 or 8 months more, he again made his escape from Brown in Augusta, and joined Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond³ in the month of August 1781 under whose command he fought as a Sergeant at the battle of the Eutaw Springs on the 8th September 1781 – where he received a wound by a ball in his left side. That he enlisted under Colonel Samuel Hammond for 10 months, and was honorably discharged as will appear by his discharge from Colonel Hammond dated 12th September 1782
[indecipherable word]

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz. one lot of land in the Piney woods, Irwin County 11th district believed generally to be worth nothing, four head of cattle, two grown & two small ones, two sows and 9 pigs, and household

¹ BLWt84041-160-55

² Former Widow

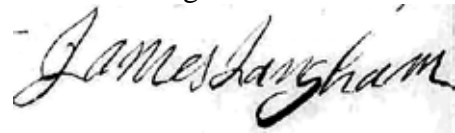
³ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

property reasonably sufficient. That he is a farmer and unable to pursue or attend to any hard labor, that he is and has been afflicted with a severe cough for a number of years, which as he grows older gets worse, that he has a wife about 30 years of age who has been quite sickly for 2 or 3 years – that he has six children, to wit James Washington 12 years old, John Madison 8 years old, Mary Ann 6 years old, Marshall Jackson 4 years old, Samuel Hammond 2 years old, and Jane 8 months & that none except the oldest could earn his living.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court 6 January 1823

S/ John C Gibson, CCO

S/ James Langham

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Langham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[the court valued the property listed on the schedule and \$34]

[p 86: On April 15, 1825 in Upson County Georgia, the veteran filed another application substantially identical to his earlier application in terms of his description of his service, his property and his family except that he states that he has an infant daughter named Martha Ann added to the 6 children named in his earlier application.]

[p 18: On March 21, 1856 in Conecuh County Alabama Elizabeth Goldsby, 62, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Langham, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him July 24, 1808 in Jasper County Georgia; that they were married by Robert Richards, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Martin; that her husband died in Upson County Georgia October 28 1829; that she afterwards married Elijah Goldsby who died in June 1842 [last digit unclear could be 1844]; that she remains a widow; that she had the following children by the veteran: James W Langham, Samuel H Langham, John M Langham, Thomas T Langham, Mary Ann Langham, Jane Langham, Martha Ann Langham. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 20, 1826 [last number written over could be 1825], for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. His former widow was pensioned in a like amount.]