

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Wimbish W19641      Lucy      fn41VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 27th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, James Wimbish a resident of the said County of Halifax in the State aforesaid aged seventy 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 entered the service of the United States in the month of June 1780 as a substitute for Peter Puckett and marched from the County of Prince Edward in a company of Militia which was commanded by Captain Jesse Owen & Lieutenant Bryant McDearman [Bryant McDenmonroe?] through the Counties of Charlotte & Halifax Virginia crossed Dan River at Boyd's ferry entered the State of North Carolina and rendezvoused at Hillsboro. We were then attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Major Morris, Colonel Lucas [James Lucas] & Colonel Doleman [William Downman?] we were stationed at that place about one month, then marched with many other troops under General Stephens [Edward Stevens] to Cox's mill on Deep River, from thence we marched Direct into the State of South Carolina crossed Pedee River at Masse's ferry [Mask's Ferry or Massie's Ferry] and marched on until we united with General Gates' Army near Rugeley's Mills on the 14th of August 1780 in the night of the 15th of August, the Americans met the British between the said Mills and Camden and a battle commenced which ended in the morning of the 16th the Americans under General Gates were defeated and ordered to retreat to Masses ferry, from there we marched to Hillsboro in the State of North Carolina at that place I was taken sick and remained there until I term of service expired. I was discharged by Doctor Clark in the month of September 1780 the time of service rendered on this tour was three months my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know a person living that was in service with me at that time. About the middle of October 1780, I again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in a company which was commanded by Captain Charles Allen Lieutenant James Allen & Ensign Samuel Williams we met at Moore's Tavern in the County of Prince Edward and were stationed at that place a few days, when the Militia from the upper Country joined us the whole of us under the command of Major J. Holcombe, Colonel Mead & Colonel Robert Lawson marched direct to the Long Ordinary near Petersburg at that place Colonel Lawson was appointed Brigadier General, we were stationed at that place under his command until the last of January 1781, when we were discharged the time of service rendered on this tour was three months my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know a person living that was in service with me at that time. About the first of May 1781 I again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in a troop of Cavalry which was commanded by Captain John Colwell, Lieutenant Thomas Jones and Cornet Miller, we met at

Charlotte Courthouse in the State of Virginia and marched from thence to Prince Edward Courthouse, from thence to Cumberland Courthouse from thence we joined the Army under Baron Steuben near the Point of the forks on James River where we remained about three weeks, from thence we marched to Carter's ferry on the said River, from thence to Prine's in the County of Goochland, from thence to the Bird Ordinary in the County of Louisa from thence we marched across James River at Carter's ferry and went to Powhatan Courthouse from thence to Judes ferry [Jude's Ferry] on James River where we were stationed seven or eight days we then crossed the said River and I was thrown from my horse and so crippled as not to be able to perform military Service. I lay on private quarters in the County of Goochland until I was able to ride then joined my company again at the burnt church in Charles City County, we remained there until we were discharged on the first of August 1781, the term of service rendered on this tour was three months I discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know a person living that was in the service with me at that time. In the month of September 1781 I enlisted in Captain Peter Randolph's Troop of Horse of the Virginia State Legion, for during the War, we were stationed at Jenets Bridge in the County of Amelia about one month then marched to Richmond at that place we were suspended from the Service for further Orders, in the month of December 1781, we were ordered to meet at Good's Bridge in the County of Chesterfield where we were stationed a short time and again suspended our services not being required at that time. I remained in this situation until the termination of the war. My age was recorded in my father's family Bible, an extract of which I have now in my possession. I was born in the County of Prince Edward, when I entered the United States service in the Revolutionary War I lived in the said County when the war ended I lived in that \_\_ years after the War ended, then moved to the County of Halifax and have lived [in] that County ever since.

I entered the service first as a substitute for Peter Puckett. I entered the service twice as a volunteer and last enlisted for during the War in the Virginia State Legion.

General Stephens [Edward Stevens], General Gates, Baron DeKalb I saw them in South Carolina. I was with General Lawson, General Wayne, General Muhlenberg, General Lafayette, and Baron Steuben in Virginia the circumstances of Service are stated in my declaration.

I received three discharges one from Doctor Clark at Hillsborough, North Carolina, one from Captain Allen at Petersburg Virginia, and the other from Captain Colwell at the Burnt Church in the County of Charles City they are all lost and I have not seen them for many years. Richard Kirby, Pleasant Farmer, Archibald Butler, Walter Cook and many others can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Jas Wimbish<sup>1</sup>

[Charles Lucas and John S Pleasants gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This day Mrs. Elizabeth Barksdale personally appeared before me Stokely Turner a justice of the peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia and made oath that James Wimbish of the County of Halifax who is an applicant for a Pension is her son that he lived with her in the County of Prince Edward during the time of the Revolutionary War and that he the said James Wimbish left her and went into the said Army, that she was informed at the

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<sup>1</sup> I do not believe the signature is the actual signature of the veteran because it appears to me to be in the same handwriting as the balance of the document. Consequently, I have not shown a facsimile of this signature.

time that he was at Gates Defeat, and that he served several other tours of Duty in the State of Virginia during the said War.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of November 1832

S/ Sto. Turner, JP

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State of Virginia, to wit,

Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia James Wimbish, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he actually did serve as a private in the militia six months that he served as a private in a troop of Cavalry three months, and as an enlisted private in the Virginia State Legion of Horse under Captain Randolph one month and fifteen days, as stated in my declaration aid before the Court of Halifax County on the 27th day of November 1832 for which service he claims a pension, that he served with an embodied Corps called into Service by Competent Authority, that he was either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which the Service was performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of June 1837 [sic, 1833?]

S/ Ambrose Haley

[fn p. 15: On December 10, 1840, in Halifax County Virginia, Lucy Wimbish, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of James Wimbish, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$37.50 per annum; that she married him January 29, 1789; that her husband died November 3, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 18: On November 22, 1847 in Halifax County Virginia, Sarah R. farmer aged 40 gave testimony that she together with Elijah, Watson, William, & Elizabeth Wimbish, Nancy Waddel & Mary Smith are the only children of Lucy Wimbish surviving; that her mother died February 5, 1844

[fn p. 6: On July 24, 1848 in Halifax County Virginia, the clerk entered a finding that Nancy Wimbish [sic] widow of James Wimbish the identical person who drew a pension of \$30 per annum, died in Halifax County Virginia on the 5th day of February 1844 leaving surviving children whose names are Eliza Wimbish, Elizabeth Wimbish, Nancy Wimbish, William Wimbish, Watson Wimbish, Sarah R. Farmer and Polly Wimbish all of lawful age.]

[fn p. 13: On March 13, 1854 in Danville Virginia, Elizabeth H. Wimbish, one of the daughters and heirs at law of James Wimbish (who died November 3, 1835) and his widow Lucy Wimbish (who died February 5, 1844) executed a power of attorney in hiring her attorney to pursue whatever claims she might have as their heir.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the infantry & cavalry of the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a similar amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]