

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Verden (Verdin) W22485

Sarah Verden

f39SC

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of the 18th of March 1818
State of Missouri County of Scott SS

On this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1827 personally appeared in open Court in the County Court for the said County of Scott being a Court of record and State aforesaid James Verden a resident of said County aged Seventy Three years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That the said James Verden enlisted as a private for the term of fifteen months on or about the first day of June A.D. 1777 in the State of South Carolina and Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina] in the company Frank Borkins in the second Regiment of Riflemen commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until on or about the first day of September A.D. 1778 during the full term of fifteen months from the said time of his said enlistment when he was honorably discharged from the service in Charlestown in the State of South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except that made by this application, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. I lived retired where I could obtain but little information and did not know what to do to obtain a pension, thinking it more trouble and expense to take the necessary steps to obtain the pension than it would be worth, but the increased feebleness of my body and the ability owing to my more advanced age making me less able to self by manual labor compels me to endeavor to obtain the pension

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st 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 consisting of one horse of the value of thirty dollars and two heifers each of the value of five dollars lately bought and not by me as yet paid for.

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have taken place. I then owned

one horse of the value of forty dollars and three cows each of the value of ten dollars, and I swapped the horse for the horse I now have when a colt and fifteen dollars and from necessity have lived on the money so far as it went. One of the Cows died, another I killed for meat for the use of myself and family, the other from necessity I sold to one James Matley for ten dollars in meat for the use of myself and family. That I am by occupation a farmer and that from my advanced age am unable to pursue it, that I have a wife and six children all of whom are married and do not reside in this state and are not in a situation to assist me

<i>Description of property</i>	<i>Names of the persons to whom disposed of</i>	<i>Time of sale</i>	<i>Amount of money or description of property received in return</i>
<i>One Horse</i>	<i>Berry Ellis</i>	<i>Spring 1820</i>	<i>One Colt & fifteen dollars</i>
<i>One Cow</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>Fall 1821</i>	<i>Killed for meat for myself & family</i>
<i>One Cow</i>	<i>James Matley</i>	<i>" 1822</i>	<i>meat for the use of myself & family</i>
<i>One Cow</i>	<i>Died in the</i>	<i>Spring 1820</i>	<i>— — —</i>

Sworn and subscribed in open Court on the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1827
Signed James Verden, X his mark

Attest John P Rutter, Clerk

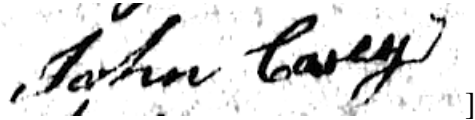
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State of Missouri County of Scott Sct.

This day William Virgin a Citizen of the County of Scott aforesaid to me personally known to be a credible and veritable witness, And being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with James Verden at present a citizen of Missouri, and has been well acquainted with him said James Verden as far back as his memory will extend, that is to say at least fifty years. He states that he knew the said James Verden when he enlisted in the regular Service of the United States during the Revolutionary war; that said James Verdin enlisted for the term of fifteen months on or about the first day of June A.D. 1777 in the State of South Carolina and in Charlestown in the Company commanded by Frank Barkins in the second Regiment of Riflemen commanded by Colonel William Thompson in the line of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until on or about the first day of September A.D. 1778 during the full Term of fifteen months from the said time of his said enlistment, when he was honorably discharged from the Service in Charlestown in the State of South Carolina and that this deponent or affiant has seen the discharge of the said James Verden since his return from the service aforesaid, and that said discharge was burnt in his father's house together with all his father's other household property, And this affiant further states that the said James Verden was an active Soldier during the whole of the revolutionary war and that this affiant is Confident that said James Verden was never at home a Single day except merely as on a temporary visit and that he was always fighting and serving in the ranks of his Country (to wit the United States of America) during the whole time and that he but that he was only 15 months in the regular Service, and that when he enlisted he was a citizen of Newberry County in the State of South Carolina, that said enlistment was previous to the Year 1780 that he has been intimately acquainted with said James Verden ever since, that he has never to the knowledge of this affiant put his property out of his hands with the purpose of entitling him to a pension or for any other purpose – That said James Verden is a man of very low and indigent circumstances and

[p 7: On November 7, 1843 in Fayette County Illinois, Sarah Verdin, aged 77 years, filed for a widow upon and under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Verdin, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the month of August 1784 and that her husband died June 18, 1843; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On November 7, 1843 in Fayette County Illinois, John Casey gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he resided in Newberry County South Carolina where he lived a near neighbor to James and Sarah Verdin and knows they lived together as man and wife before the year 1794.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Casey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are somewhat slanted and connected, typical of 19th-century handwriting. The signature is enclosed in square brackets.

[p 8: On November 7, 1843 in Fayette County Illinois, Jacob Verdin gave another supporting affidavit in which he states that Sarah is the widow of James Verdin, a revolutionary war pensioner who died June 18th last. He signed his affidavit with his mark his relationship if any to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 17: On March 17, 1846 in Fayette County Illinois, Levi Verden and Isaac Verden made application for the benefit under the Joint Resolution of Congress dated January 23, 1845 for the surviving children of Sarah Verden, a widow and pensioner; that she died a widow on September 30, 1845; that she was survived by the following children: Elizabeth Davis and Radford Verden of Montgomery County, William Verden and Jane Gorden of Christian County, James Verden and Charity Ciscoe of Shelby County and Levi Verden of Fayette County, all of the state of Illinois. They signed their application with their marks.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 25, 1828, for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum.]

[pp 5 & 6 of this file contain images of what appears to be a family register presumably of the children of the veteran and his wife. The images are very poor but here is what I think can be seen and deciphered of those images:

Elizabeth Verdin was
born July 4th 1785

James Verdin was born
July 8th 1787

Jane Verdin was born
November 3rd 1789

Sarah Verdin
December 25th 1791

William Verdin was born
March 23rd 1794

Levi Verdin was born
April 1st 1796 [? last digit unclear]

Margaret
was born ? 13th 1798

Mary Meriah Verdin
was born Octr. 14th 1800

Charity Cater Verdin
was born May 5th 1803

? Cater Verdin
was born Sept. 25th 1805

James Verdin Senr.
was born August
the 25th 1756 [? last digit unclear]

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