

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William James W2943                      Mary James      NC  
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State of Kentucky Adair County Court Sct  
October Term 1832

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the wershipfull County Court of Adair County now sitting William James a resident of the County of Adair State of Kintucky aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision and benefit made by an act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 That he entered the service of the united states in the County of Tazwill State of North Carolina [sic: Caswell County] as drafted malitia man in the month of august 1780 for three months under Capt Faulkner [possibly Falkner] John Warnack Leut, does not recollect the name of his ensign, he was marched from the place of rendevous to Salisbury where he was joined to the main army Commanded by General Butler [John Butler of the NC Militia], William Moore Colo. [Caswell County Militia] Elijah Moore Major he was marched from there to six mile [Sixmile] Creek in South Carolina where we were joined by Colo. William Washington they remained there some time from there were taken or marched to the waxhaw [sic: Waxhaws settlement in SC] where he was stationed for sever week from there again marched back to six mile Creek where they were joined by Colo. Morgan after Remaining there some time part of the time he was thus marched he was attached to General Davis's [sic: William Richardson Davie's] Brigade from Six mile Creek he was again marched Back to Salisbury, where he was permitted to return home having served his full Term of three months he states that he did not obtain any written discharge at that time but afterwards before he got home was Honorably discharged by Colo. Moore but does not know where his discharge is but supposes he has lost it or mislaid it owing to the great length of time and not knowing it would ever be of any use to him – after he remained at home some time he again entered the service as a volunteer in the month of March 1781 from the same County under Capt James Cady does not recollect the name of his Leut & Ensign he was marched about the Country scouting after the Tories for some time and then joined Colo Moores Rigment and was kept in active service for some time in that way and was joined to Genera Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army near Dan River where he remained for some time and was marched from there through the Country in different directions untill they came into the neighbourhood of Guilford and after remaining there some time he was discharged from service having served the full term for which he turned out Being three months he received no written discharge for this tour he returned home, and after reming at home a few days he again entered the service as a substitute for [blank] a drafted malitia man for three months under Capt Faulkner and marched to Hillsborough where he was kept as a guard for the full time of three months and was discharged but does not recollect whether he received a written discharge or not he returned home soon there towit in a few days he was drafted as a malitia man in the same County and State and entered this service under Capt Hugh Barnett Colo William Moores Rigment he was marched to Hillborough where he was joined to an army but does not reccollect the name of the commanding officer he staid there but a short time was march towards Wilmington and was joined to Gen'l. Butler and marched through the country in many directions scouting & hunting the enemy untill the full Term of his service was fully ended being three months and was discharged near Wilmington & returned but whether he obtained a written discharge or not does not Recollect but if he did does not know where it is; making in the whole a term of service of twelve months 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 any state                      William hisXmark James  
he furthur states that he was born in the state of Virginia South hampton [sic: Southampton] County on the last day of September 1758 as he is informed and believes from his parents at an Early age his father moved to north carolina near Rawley [sic: Raleigh] where he lived for some years and then moved to Tazwell County where he lived during the time of his service and some time after the close of the war he

moved to Burk [sic: Burke] County North Carolina where he remained until about the year 1803 when he moved to this County where he has resided ever since  
he further states that he has no register of his age or documentary Evidence of his service nor does he know of any Person by whom he can prove his service except the first Tour which he can do by Thomas James of this County  
William hisXmark James

Thomas James a resident Citizen of the County of Adair personally appeared in open Court and made Oath that he is well acquainted with the applicant William James and knows that he the said William James served the Tour as stated in his application in the first service that he the said Thomas James served with him, he the deponent further states that he left that part of the country soon after he returned home, and has not a personal knowledge of the other services as stated by him as to the three last mentioned tours but he has no doubt of the truth of his statements If had so been stated from the time of the close of the war and never doubted  
Subscribed & sworn to the day and year aforesaid. Thomas hisXmark James

State of Kentucky Adair County Sct  
May Term 1833 on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 William James a resident of the County of Adair a<sup>d</sup> State of Kentucky Came into open Court before the worshipful County Court of Adair County State of Kentucky now sitting and made oath in due form of law to the following statements by way of amendment to his former Declaration for a pension made on the first of October 1832 in this Court Interrogatory the 1<sup>st</sup>

Where and in what year was you born

Answer I was born in the State of Virginia on the last day of September in the year 1758 in Southampton County

2<sup>d</sup> have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have none but the above time is the true time of my Birth as I have been informed by my parents which I believe true

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans<sup>r</sup>. I lived in Caswell County State of North Carolina when I entered into the service tho in his first declaration through mistake the name of the county was wrote (Tazwell) after the close of the war I moved to Burk County North Carolina, where I lived until 1803 then I moved to and settled in Adair County State of Kentucky where I have resided until the present time

4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer the first tour of three months I was Drafted the second tour of three months I was a volunteer the third tour I served three months as a substitute for a man by the name of Williams he does not recollect his Christian name Said Williams did not live in the neighbourhood of this Declarant, he this declarant was near Hillborough where Williams was just drafted and about to march being then on parade this Declarant substituted in his room and never saw him But once afterwards he supposes he knew his name then But now does not recollect it the 4<sup>th</sup> tour of three months he served as a drafted militiaman and faithfully served the full Term of Each as stated in his original Declaration

5 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 & the general circumstances of your service  
Ans<sup>r</sup>. I have made a full statement of those facts in my original Declaration which I refer to and incorporate as my answer to this 5<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory

6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it  
Ans<sup>r</sup>. this I have likewise fully stated in my former declaration to which I likewise refer

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood who can testify to your

character and their belief of our service as a soldier of the revolution

Ans'r. I am well acquainted with the Rev'd Wm. Baily & Colo. William Bradshaw who has certified for me in my former declaration and with Colo Zachariah Tayler Wm. Epperson Esqr. and all my near neighbours all of whom could testify Both to my charactor & belief of services

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day & year af'd. William hisXmark James

NOTE: On 7 June 1843 Mary James, age 81 on 25 June 1843, applied for a pension stating that she married William James in May 1781 or 1782 just before she became 19, and her husband died on 24 July 1842. On 5 June 1846 Mary Leach, 55, certified that Mary James never had children. On the next day William Bailey, 70, made a similar statement.