

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Knight W2946  
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[p 6: On October 29, 1830 in Jessamine County Kentucky James Knight executed a power of attorney empowering his attorney Abraham Bowman, Junior to pursue the claims he might have against the state of Virginia or the federal government for pay, half pay, bounty land or commutation for his military service. He signed a power of attorney with his mark.]

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

I Samuel H Craig as Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid do certify that in addition to the forgoing certificate, that James Knight this day made oath before me that he enlisted as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war about the year 1776 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] date he served about 3 years until he was discharged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1779 as well appear by his certificate of discharge signed by John Neville Colonel 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – that he has obtained his bounty Land, but has never received his money pay – that he now resides in the County & State aforesaid and is in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of his age. Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1830

S/ Samuel H Craig, JP

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 I James Knight of the County of Jessamine in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Virginia Line of the Revolution in the year 1775 and continued in its service for three years until 1778 at which period I was a Sergeant in Captain Isaac Bell's [also spelled Isaac Beall's] Company in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville in said line. And I also declare that I received my discharge, but no certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States. Witness my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1831.

S/ James Knight, X his mark

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All Issuing Commissaries to whom application may be made by the bearer Sergeant Knight are desired to issue provisions to him on his way from this place to Virginia 20 days from this date so as not to [remaining words too faint to discern]

per Order G1 Woodford

S/ Robt. [indecipherable signature]

Camp Ramabough

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1779

All Honorable Comrades to remain  
 a faithful soldier in the service of the  
 commonwealth of Virginia. The bearer by the  
 name of James Knight is ordered to  
 those quarters to him on his way  
 from this place to Virginia. Twenty  
 shillings from this state for his  
 expenses. One shilling for  
 his horse.

Wm Woodford  
 Brig. Genl.

James Knight  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. 1779

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The bearer James Knight Sergeant the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment having served the time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged.

Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1779

S/ Wm Woodford, Brig. Genl.

The bearer James Knight Sergeant in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Virginia Regt. having served the time for which  
 he was enlisted is hereby discharged.

Given under my Hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of  
 August 1779

Wm Woodford Brig. Genl.

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I hereby Certify that James Knight half served upwards of 3 years in 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment greater part of which time he hath been Sergeant. His behavior in the stations of Soldier & Sergeant has been unexceptionable. He has ever been Sober, careful, honest and brave, and never received the least reproof from any Officer for the smallest misdemeanor. Having

faithfully served the time of his engagement to the benefit of his Country & his own honor, he is discharged from further service.

Given under my hand at camp at Ramabough [New Jersey] August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1779

I hereby certify that James Knight  
has the period of service of three years in  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot Guards part of which  
time he has been Sergeant. His be-  
haviour in the stations of Soldier &  
Sergeant has been irreproachable.  
He has ever been sober, careful, honest  
and brave, and never received the least  
reproof from any Officer for the smallest  
infringements. Having faithfully  
served the term of his engagement  
to the benefit of his Country & his  
own Honor, he is discharged from  
further service.  
Given under my hand at Camp of  
Ramabough, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1779.  
John Swilley Lt. Col.

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1839 personally appeared before me William Bronaugh a Justice of the peace for the County of Jessamine and State aforesaid Elizabeth Knight a resident of the County of Jessamine and State of Kentucky aged seventy-three years last January who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of James Knight a Sergeant in the revolution and belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Nevel [John Neville] he the said James Knight enlisted in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia for the term of three years and faithfully served out the three years and got his discharge which discharge was handed [to] one Abraham Bowman in the year 1829 or 30 with the said James Knight's declaration for the purpose of obtaining the said James Knight a pension from the general Government which declaration and discharge the said Bowman says he filed in the

proper Department in the City of Washington for the purpose of obtaining the said James Knight's pension. But the said James knight having died shortly after the delivery of said papers they have not been heard of since and the declarant would respectfully refer the Commissioner of pensions to the said James Knight's declaration and the other evidence accompanying the said declaration now on file for to sustain his claim. What Captain the said James Knight served under the declarant does not now recollect, But she recollects well of hearing her husband say that he was in the Battle of the Brandywine [September 11, 1777], She further declares that she was married to the said James Knight on the first day of October 1783 that her husband the aforesaid James Knight died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1831 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. She further declares she knows of no record evidence of her marriage save the family record in her family Bible which family record contains her marriage and the Birth [of] their Children.

S/ Elizabeth Knight, X her mark

[p 3: family record:

#### Births

James Knight Junior son of James Knight & Elizabeth his wife was born January the 10<sup>th</sup> 1785

William Knight son of aforesaid was born February the 7<sup>th</sup> 1787

Marques D. F. Knight son of aforesaid was born February the 18<sup>th</sup>, 1789

Polly Knight Daughter of the aforesaid was born January the 29<sup>th</sup> 1792

Jane Watts Knight daughter of aforesaid was born March the 10<sup>th</sup> 1794

George Knight Son of aforesaid was born October 18<sup>th</sup> 1796

Abigail Knight Daughter of aforesaid was born April 17, 1797

James Williams Knight son of aforesaid was born April the 25<sup>th</sup> 1801

Nancy Daugherty Knight Daughter of aforesaid was born August 28, 1803

Amanda F Knight Daughter of aforesaid was born August the 29<sup>th</sup> 1805

Grant Knight Son of aforesaid was born January 17<sup>th</sup> 1807 [last digit written over could be 1809]

#### Marriages

James and Elizabeth Knight the owner of this Book was married October 21 1783]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line.]