

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pawns (Pond or Ponds) W3589

Elizabeth Pawns f31NC

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: September Term of the Circuit Court 1832

On this the 20th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas Stewart Judge &c now sitting James Pawns, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about sixty-six 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 was born in the State of Virginia in the County of Mecklenburg. He has no record of his age. That he was residing in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States. That he did serve in the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated -- He was drafted into the service under Captain Wilson [James Wilson] he thinks in the year 1780 and marched into South Carolina, and was engaged in an attack [Rugeley's Mill, December 4, 1780]¹ by the American Army on the mills of Colonel Rugeley, who had converted his Mills into a Fort for the shelter and protection of the Tories. The Tories were taken prisoners and the whole with the exception of one man who escaped were taken. Applicant acting as guard to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina where they were committed to prison. This term lasted for the term of three months at the end of which time he was discharged by Colonel Billy Moore [sic, William Moore] as he believes -- which discharge has been lost. He recollects the names of Colonel Billy Moore, General Butler [John Butler] who was with the Army during this service.

He was drafted another tour of three months in the year 1781 for the purpose of pursuing the British and Tories, and pursued them from place to place through the State -- they were confined principally in the Counties of Orange and Chatham. He also was discharged in the Town of Hillsborough at the close of the war, he does not recollect by whom the discharge was given, or what has become of it --

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present -- and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Open Court 20th September 1832

S/ James Pawns, X his mark

S/ M. Baldrige

[William Walton, George Hall, Matthew Rice, Caleb Willis and David M. Saunders gave the

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On December 30, 1850 in Sumner County Tennessee Elizabeth Pond, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she was married to James Pond a private in the revolutionary war and a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in April 1787; that he died April 5, 1847 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On February 17, 1851 in Sumner County, John Kizer, 57, testifies that he was intimately acquainted with James Pond and his wife Elizabeth for upwards of 35 years; that they always lived together and were esteemed as husband and wife and that their oldest child, William Pond, was just about Kizer's age.]

[p 22: On November 4, 1853 in Sumner County Tennessee, George C. Willis and George W. Frazor testified at Elizabeth Pawns is the same person who applied as the widow of James Pawns under an application made out in the name of Elizabeth Ponds, the widow of James Ponds.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]