

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gambling W460
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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

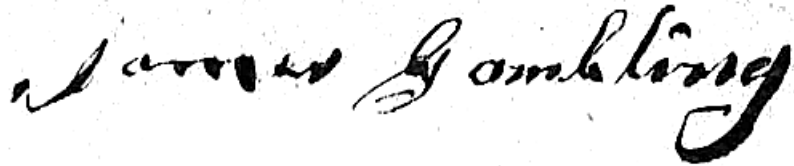
On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Sumner, James Gambling, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776, with Ensign Joseph Worth, who was from Edenton, and served in the second Regiment of the North Carolina Line, under the following named officers, Colonel Alexander Martin, Lieutenant Colonel John Patton [John Patten], Major White [probably John White], General Nash [Francis Nash] commanded the Brigade composed of the first & second Regiments – Applicant would here state that he enlisted at first as he believes for only six months, but was returned for 12 months, which Term Applicant served under Captain Veal [Edward Vail, Jr.] in the South, after which without leaving the service Applicant enlisted for three years, & was immediately marched to the North under the Command of the above officers with the expectation of the Captain – Captain Gee [James Gee] commanded the Company to which Applicant belonged Captain Gee died on the march to the North – to joined the Main Army under General Washington. After which Captain John Craddock commanded the Company Applicant marched on with the above Regiments to the Commons of Philadelphia – where we remained encamped – until General Washington came on with his Army, when our Brigade joined the Main Army. Applicant then remained with the Main Army in the North for [indecipherable word, which appears to start with “b”] than 3 years – during which time, he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], in which Battle General Nash was killed; Monmouth Court-House [June 28, 1778], where the Americans were victorious Applicant was in the fort on North River, at Flanks' [sic, Verplanck's] Point at King's Ferry, some distance above New York the British attacked the Fort about Sun Rise the engagement continued until night & was recommenced in the morning, about two o'clock P. M. the Americans had to surrender the Fort, when the Prisoners were taken to New York & kept in close confinement for 2 months & ten days in the great house called the Sugar House Applicant was discharged from his imprisonment after the expiration of two months & ten days. The above Fort was commanded by Captain Armstrong [Thomas Armstrong], Lieutenants Anderson & Lawrence [Nathaniel Lawrence] – An exchange was made of Prisoners, when the British put us ashore at a little place called Morris Town – then we marched to West Point where we joined our Regiment – we there remained until we received orders to march to Charleston South Carolina but before this time Applicant's Term of service had expired but he remained with the Army until the Army marched to the Town of Halifax North Carolina, where he was regularly discharge by Colonel John Patton who took command of the Regiment at Germantown upon the resignation of Colonel Martin, which discharge applicant gave to Major Sexton to enable him to procure a Grant for the land to which Applicant was entitled for his services, Applicant sold the same to said Sexton –

Applicant deems that it is unnecessary for him to go into a more minute detail. He enlisted in Camden County North Carolina – before the death of General Nash – Hogan [sic, James Hogun] succeeded him in command at the time Applicant was discharged which was in January 1780 – was commanded by Captain Stewart – General Hogun, Colonels John Patton & Hardy Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree or Murphree] – Majors not now recollected.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and date aforesaid.

S/ James Gambling



Sworn to in open Ct. August 14, 1832

Test: S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 3rd January 1833

James L Edwards Esquire

Sir

I find nothing in this Office in favor of William Lawhorn, Andrew McClary, Joseph Roberson, Zachariah Butler, Nathanael Milton or Thomas Adcock, and worst that nothing for Emory German and Henry Poe for they are both charged with desertion. I have heretofore made certificates in cases of desertion but suppose it unnecessary. For James Gaberlin [sic] (for so his name is spelt on the rolls) and William Pierce I send certificates. I am at this time much pressed with business which causes some delay in my answers to you.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that James Gamberlin [sic] a Corp¹ in Captain Vail's Company of the 2nd Regiment enlisted on the 14th December 1776 43 years, as a private in June 1778, a prisoner in June 1779 mustered in November 1779, and discharged the 30th of January 1780.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of January 1833

S/ Wm Hill

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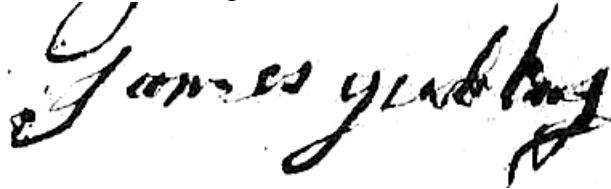
State of Tennessee Sumner County

On this day personally appeared before me Josiah Walton a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Gambling a resident of Sumner County Tennessee aged about ninety-one or two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 for the express purpose and no other of obtaining the amount of pay due him as a Corporal in the Continental line of North Carolina in the War of the Revolution. This affiant further states that he was Pensioner as a

Private Soldier and the reason he did not give in his Services as a Corporal was that he could not make out the exact time he served as an officer at the time of making application. This affiant further states that he was appointed a Corporal shortly after his last term of enlistment which was 3 years and some 2 months before as he served after his time sufficiently long to march from West Point (after he had been a Prisoner at New York and delivered at Morristown) to North Carolina making the amount of the time of service as a Corporal about three years and for this Services he claims a Pension as a Corporal in the war of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of April 1843

S/ James Gambling

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Gambling". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 7: On January 6, 1844 in Sumner County Tennessee, Mary Gambling, aged near 82 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Gambling deceased late of Sumner County Tennessee and a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she has no documentary proof to support her claim other than an affidavit given by her husband as to the date of their marriage; that her oldest child was born about 18 months after she was married and if she (the child) was still living she would be near 62 years of age; that she married James Gambling in 1780 in the fall; that her husband died May 13, 1843 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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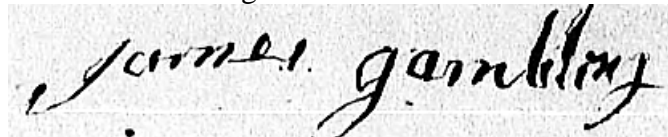
State of Tennessee, Sumner County

Be it known that on the eighth day of April 1843, before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared James Gambling a Revolutionary soldier of the United States aged about 91 or two years a resident of Tennessee in the County of Sumner who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following Statement, that in the fall of 1780, he the said James Gambling and his present Wife Mary Gambling was lawfully Married in the State of North Carolina and has lived together as man & wife ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ Josiah Walton, JP

S/ James Gambling

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[p 10: On November's 26, 1845 in Sumner County Tennessee, John Cotton, 64, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with James and Mary Grambling; that they had 6 children the oldest of which cannot be less than 60 or 61 years of age.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$86 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending May 13, 1843 when he died. He was pensioned for 6 months service as a Private & 18 months as a Corporal in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]