

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah James W467                      Rebecca James                      NC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 July 2015.

State of Tennessee                      Circuit Court of Law  
Davidson County                      Middle District of Tennessee

Personally came Rebecca James a citizen of the County of Maury before me Morgan [illegible] Judge of the said Circuit Court for the Middle District of the State of Tennessee and being first duly sworn in open Court deposed and Saith That Jeremiah James deceased was her lawful husband that they were lawfully married in the month of February 1790 one thousand seven hundred & ninety in North Hampton [sic: Northampton] County in the State of North Carolina and that said Jeremiah James died in said last mentioned County and State on the 16<sup>th</sup>[?] day of October one thousand eight hundred & five & that she is now a widow. This deponent states that she is now in her eighty eight [88] year of her age since last May that she has had six children the oldest son name Exum James the next one a Daughter named Delilah the third a son named Uriah James. the fourth a son named Jeremiah The fifth a Daughter named Truby The sixth a Daughter named Kessiah. She farther states that she was informed by her husband and does verily believe that he had been a Soldier in the revolutionary war. She states of her own knowlage he was absent for twelve months & it was said and [undeciphered word] that he was in the service in said war during that time. This was before her intermarriage with him. she states that she has often heard him say he was in the battle at the Eautau Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. She has no recollection of the names of any one of the officers under whom he served and that he went into the Continental Service in Bertie County in the State of No Carolina. Deponent farther states that she has caused a thorough search to be made in the Clerks office in the County or North Hampton State of N Carolina for the Certificate of Marriage between her and her deceased husband – but the same being either lost or mislaid depant is unable to procure a copy of it to forward with this declaration depant thus forwards with this declaration the deposition of Willis Morgan a reputable man – a resident of the county of Montgomery[?] State of Tennessee & the deposition of Drew[?] Nolden[?] a reputable citizen of the Town of Nashville State of Tennessee [illegible word] their Testimony – as to her marriage with her deceased husband which she prays may be [illegible word] as part of this declaration Depanit would farther state that all the family record ever kept by her said husband is a book – in which the names and ages of the children of her & her decd Husband – were registered by her said Husband & the same has been sent to the Departmet by the hands of John H Eadam Esq and will be by him furnished by him to the departmit with this application said book has remained in the possession of Deponit from the time of the death of her said Husband untill the same was placed in the hands of John H Eatan to be furnished to the departmit Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14 day of September 1846–

Rebecca herXmark James

Family Record as found in the Book of Jerimiah James forw'd to Jerry James Columbia Ten this 13<sup>th</sup> June 1822

Jeremiah James son of Ann James was born March 11, 1762

“                      ”                      his Book 1793

Axom James son of Jeremiah & Rebecca James born                      Nov 27/1790

Uriah                      “                      ”                      “                      ”                      “                      ”                      Aug 25 1794

Asa                      “                      ”                      “                      ”                      “                      ”                      “                      ”                      Feb 22 1806

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, / OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

I WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Jeremiah James a private Soldier in Capt. Raiford's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the service

on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1781 for the term of twelve months and that he left the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782. Given unto my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845./ W. Hill Secretary of State

Extract from Mr. Hills letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> Aug't. 1846

“Jeremiah James served in the War of the revolution twice, but not long enough either of the times to entitle him to land. He entered first as a private in Capt. Blount’s company of the 10<sup>th</sup> regiment on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1778 for 9 months – again as a private in Capt. Raiford’s company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1781 for 12 months and left the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1782, so says the musterrolls in my office

No soldier was entitled to land, that did not serve two years or upwards. The Widow of Jeremiah James, is certainly entitled to a pension if they were married before 1794.”

Signed Wm. Hill Secretary/ Raleigh No Carolina

NOTES:

In the 1790 federal census for Northampton County NC Jeremiah James is listed as the head of a household of “other [i.e. nonwhite] free persons.” Axom James certified that the original of the family record transcribed above was in the handwriting of his father, Jeremiah James, in a Testament that he purchased on 11 March 1793.

The file contains a letter to J. James dated 24 July 1844 stating that his mother, Rebecca James, had married Isham Scott in 1806 or 1807.