

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John England W5270  
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England John (Mary)            VA    W5270

(p2-3) Veteran pension certificate and Widow pension certificate)

(p4) Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

State of Virginia

Scott County

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court of the county of Scott now sitting John England a resident of Scott County aged 76 years who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein states:

That about 12 or 15 months before the battle at the siege of York he was a citizen of Goochland County Virginia when he was drafted to go to the Shirly hundred [Shirley Hundred] between York and Norfolk that he commenced his march from home under Colonel Fleming Capt Edward Smith Lieu<sup>t</sup> Hodges and Ensign William Hodges who was afterwards killed at the siege of York for that place that he marched was through Richmond Virginia to that place that was then arrived at the Sherley (sic Shirley Plantation [37°21'21"N 77°14'39"W](#)) hundred. They formed there a considerable number of men under the command of Col Snodgrass that they all remained, stationed at the Shurley (sic) hundred, about three months during which time they remained there and in the vicinity of the place as guards under Col<sup>n</sup> Snodgrass and Fleming that they had no fighting nor did they do any thing but spy about that at the end of the three months they were discharged.

That some short time after his return home from the first tour but he cannot say certainly how long he was again drafted and went again from the same place under the same colonel and captain and that he was marched to the Pigeon and Mobbin hills [Malvern Hills] and remained there under the same officers during the tour that there was no other troops there during that time but Fleming's men. That they remained their (sic) guarding the place, did nothing else till they were again

(p5) discharged by the same colonel and captain. That about four or five months before the battle at York he was again drafted and marched from the same place to Norfolk under the same officers Fleming and Smith that when they arrived at Norfolk there was a considerable army there of the militia from different counties but he does not recall at which officers commanded them that he remained there during the tour under the same officers as he recollects but he can't recall the names of the other officers here that they did nothing but be there in readiness for any call that might be made for them until the third tour was out when they were again discharged that about 30 days before the siege of York he was drafted on a fourth tour of three months and marched from the same place under Capt Joseph Leak and marched from Goochland to Hobbs Hole where they were attached to Col Nathaniel Dandridge's regular regiment from Hanover County Virginia from which place they found the two armies of Americans under Washington

and Lafayette Morgan and Wayne the British were penned in York under Cornwallis and Tarlton (sic, Banastre Tarleton) that he was there as he now recollects almost during the siege he thinks it had commenced but a few days before he arrived there and he recollects it lasted something like forty days that during his stay there they were constantly engaged fighting raising breastworks and entrenchment that the Americans were scattered across the town and the French guarded the river that they had prepared to blow up the town which they would have done in a short time if they had not surrendered that when they surrendered the whole army were taken prisoner and marched to Winchester Virginia that he remained at York for some time after the siege ended. Say 2 or 3 weeks when he was discharged from his 4<sup>th</sup> tour of 3 months that the prisoners were kept at Winchester some time when they were taken from there to

(p6) Albemarle and barracks were built there to keep them in that the whole British army that is to say Cornwallis and his men Tarlton Howe Linton and Burgoyne and were kept until they were exchanged but he does not recollect how long that they were guarded (sic) while there by Militia Captains and their companies that as a guard of those prisoners he also served two three months tours under the same Captain Joseph Leak that he was drafted in them both for that purpose and went the first one. Shortly after the prisoners arrived there and before the barracks were finished that when he arrived there, there was a company there commanded by Holdman Rice from the same county of Goochland that he went home and Leak took the command of the companies that the prisoners while there fared exceedingly well in every respect that he remained there guarding them for three months and was discharged that during his first tour there, one Abram Prewett robbed or stole some whiskey and was sentenced to run the gauntlet for it, which he did running through about 50 men all of whom give him a tap that after his return home from this tour some time he was again drafted to go to the same place for the same purpose another three months tour and that he went again under the same Capt Joseph Leak that when Leak and his company left there the first time Capt Rice took the command and kept it until Leak and his company returned a second time that they remained there the second tour of three months & were again discharged sometime before the prisoners were exchanged that he got written discharge at the end of every tour but he lost them all by negligence that it was not his practice in those days of his youth to take care of any papers whatever thus having served three tours under Captain Smith Col Fleming one at Sherly hundred/ at Pigeon and Mobbin hills and one at Norfolk and one tour under Captain Joseph Leak and Colonel Dandridge at York and two tours under Capt Joseph Leak at the barracks all of three months each

(p7) making 18 months that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove any of the above facts nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove them he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state whatever nor has it been.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John England x his mark

[routine county confirmation and certification by John Dickenson, clergy and Robt Speer, neighbor, John S Martin clk. John Wolf, justice, Samuel Marion, Goochland County militia soldier

(p11) 21Feb1780 Amherst Co VA marriage bond for Mary Parsons to John England]

(p13) Hawkins Co TN 17Aug1843 widow declaration

Testified that both John England and herself were illiterate

That John England died 18Mar1840 in Scott Co VA.

That 8 of their 10 unnamed children were living

That she remained a widow  
Signed x her mark