

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pugh W5588

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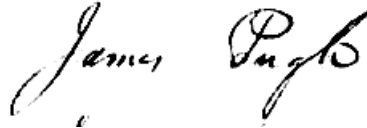
State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward: Sc.

On this 15th day of July in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the peace of said County, now sitting, James Pugh, a resident of the County of Prince Edward State of Virginia, aged Seventy-two 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: I was drafted as a militia man from the County of Charlotte in Virginia in the month of July 1780 (as well as I now recollect) and marched from the Court house of that County to Petersburg, Cabin Point, Portsmouth, and to Williamsburg, remaining a short time at each place, was under the command of Captain William Morton, does not think he was attached to any Regiment, recollects no field officers who served with him this tour, was very young, has no distinct recollection of particular circumstances that occurred knows of no person living by whom I can prove my services, This tour was three months. 2nd tour – the 8th or 9th of January 1781, volunteered under Captain Richard Gaines from the County of Charlotte, marched the same route as stated the tour above mentioned to Cabin Point, remained there three or four weeks, from thence to Suffolk thence to Scott's old field, at which place joined the Army under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], recollects that Colonel Fleming, Major Saunders & Adjutant Wood Bolling, Steuben were in the Army with us, remained at that place and the neighborhood, watching the enemy who lay in Portsmouth until my Term of service expired, was in a skirmish with a small detachment of the enemy, and we took 18 prisoners near Portsmouth, our party had only one man wounded, after that was discharged & returned home, This tour was three months, my discharge is lost. – 3rd Tour – after my second Tour I remained at home only eight or ten days, and was again drafted as a militia man and marched under Captain Holloway from the County of Charlotte about the 18th or 20th of April 1781, to Prince Edward Courthouse, thence to Cartersville on James River, thence to Amherst, Albemarle & Goochland Counties and to New Kent court house, thence to Jamestown, where we joined the American Army under General Lafayette; General Wayne, General Lawson & Colonel Tucker were also with us, I remained there until the battle with Lord Cornwallis at Jamestown, I was in that battle and received a wound by a musket ball passing through my leg, from James town marched to the Morben hills [Malvern Hills], where I remained until the last of July or first of August, when my Term of service expired, and I received a discharge and returned home, my discharge is lost, This tour was three months. 4th Tour – when I returned home after my third tour, they were raising troops for another Tour, I own remained at home four or five days, volunteered my services again and marched under Captain Gideon Spencer sometime in August 1781, from Charlotte Court house to Petersburg, thence to Cabin Point, thence to

Newsom's Spring, where we remained some short time, after which, marched to York Town, where we joined General Washington's Army, and remained during the siege of York & surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], was then sent to guard the prisoners to Winchester after which service was discharged, I think sometime in the month of November but have also lost this discharge. This tour was three months.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. –
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Pugh



Q. Where and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in the County of Chesterfield the 31st day of February 1761. – Q. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? A. I have a record of my age in my Bible at home. – Q. where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? A. When called into service I lived in the County of Charlotte in Virginia, I have lived in Charlotte, Lunenburg & Prince Edward counties since the revolutionary war, & I now live in the County of Prince Edward. Q. how were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a substitute for whom? A. I never was a Substitute for any person, I was drafted for two Tours of three months each and I volunteered two other tours, each of three months. Q. state the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and general circumstances of your service? – A. General Muhlenberg, Colonel Fleming, Major Saunders, Baron Steuben, General Lafayette, General Wayne, General Lawson, Colonel Tucker, General Washington, I do not know whether all of these named word regular officers, do not recollect the number of the Regiments, all the material circumstances are stated in my declaration. Q. did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it? A. I did receive discharges from the service after every tour, they were given by the Captains under whom I served, who were named in the body of my declaration all of them are lost or destroyed. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. A. the Reverend Matthew W Dance and Hudson Wilson
Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Pugh

[Matthew M Dance, a clergyman, and Hudson Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 32]

I Wiltshire Cardwell¹ of the County of Charlotte do hereby certify that I was with James Pugh the applicant during three tours in the militia in the revolutionary war the first in the winter of 1781 to Portsmouth Virginia, the second in the spring to James town Virginia and the third to Yorktown Virginia in the fall of the same year when Cornwallis surrendered.

S/ Wiltshire Cardwell, X his mark

¹ [Wiltshire Cardwell W6632](#)

[f p. 10: On October 9, 1838 in Prince Edward County Virginia, Ann Pugh, 76, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Pugh, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 26, 1784; that her husband died June 25, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: Copy of a marriage bond dated February 19, 1784 issued in Lunenburg County Virginia to James Pugh and William Wrenn conditioned upon the marriage of John Pugh and Nancy George.]

[f p. 23: On June 27, 1843 in Charlotte County Virginia, the widow, 77, filed the required documents to extend her pension describing herself as then being a citizen of Charlotte County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]