

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of James Riggins W5702

Jane

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[fn p. 16]

State of Tennessee County of McMinn

On this 16th day of September personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the County Court of said County James Riggins a resident of said County and State aged about 77 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 or 1778 with Captain Erwin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harris who was shortly after declarant entered the service killed, on a small River called Cumbee [?], declarant is not certain that was the name of the Colonel but that was the Circumstance, declarant enlisted in Hillsboro North Carolina some time about the month of February or March 1777 or 8 for 12 months, marched from Hillsboro to Salisbury, from thence to Camden, from thence to Bacons Bridge, at which place he joined the Main Army, commanded by General Greene, never was in any battle declarant when he enlisted resided in Orange County North Carolina and from Orange County he removed to this County where he now resides, was discharged at Wilmington North Carolina by Captain Jones and has lost his discharge. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Riggins, X his mark

[fn p. 2: on April 18, 1855 in McMinn County Tennessee Jean Riggins, 100, applied for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of James Riggins deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the Revolutionary war; that she herself is a pensioner under a certificate dated March 18 1852 which was issued in lieu of one dated July 13, 1844, by which she drew a pension based on her husband's services; that she married him January 15 1780; that they were married by Elison Davis, a Baptist preacher in Orange County North Carolina; that her name prior to her marriage was Jane Dickson; that her husband died October 30, 1843 in McMinn County Tennessee.]

[facts in file: veteran's widow, Jane, died August 17, 1858; Thomas Riggins, 56, gave an affidavit dated 1844 in which he states he was the fourth child of James and Jane Riggins. Thomas Riggins and his wife, Nancy (maiden name not in file) had the following children:

William "Powel" born February 24, 1809

Mary born September 11, 1811

Ginny born July 3, 1814
Rebecah born November 14, 1817
Thomas born October 20, 1822
Highley born November 5, 1825.]