

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

Pension Application of James Acree W694

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State of Tennessee }
Knox County } October Sessions 1824

James Acree, on this 6th day of October 1824 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of Record for the County and State aforesaid with full power by the common Laws to fine and imprison – The said James Acree is a resident of said county and in the seventieth year of his age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1829, That he the said James Acree enlisted for the term of five years on the – day of – in the year – in the State of Virginia, Carolina [sic: Caroline] County, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hoard [sic: Thomas Hord] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George V. Stubblefield [George Stubblefield] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Regular Continental establishment [sic: see endnote], that he continued to serve in said corps until the time for which he enlisted expired, when he was discharged from this said service a few weeks after the surrender of Cornwallis at little York in the State of Virginia [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781].

That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Little York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and that he was severely wounded in the right leg with two musket balls in the battle of Brandywine, which has made him a cripple for life – and that he has no other evidence now in his favour of his said service except his own Oath –

The following is a Schedule of his property returned upon his Oath and certified by Col Charles McClung to the best of his knowledge

One Bed & furniture. . . .	\$23.00
1 Spinning wheel.	3.—
1 pair of cotton cards.	1.60
1 set of knives & forks.	1.00
3 Dining plates.81¼
3 Chairs.	1.50
1 Table.	1.00

D'r 31.91¼

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

The Declarant is a farmer by Occupation 70 years of age and scarcely able to work, his wife is thirty one years of age sickly and weak constitutiony. his youngest daughter eight years of age, these are all the persons that compose my family —

[signed] James Acree

State of Tennessee } John Dunn and William Dunn [pension application W286] being duly
Knox County } sworn on the evangelist of Almighty God, doth say, that they knew James Acree,
in the revolutionary war, that they were present and enlisted on the same day

with said Acree, for five years, on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year [blank] in the State of Virginia in Caroline County in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hoard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George V. Stubblefield, in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, and that said Acree & ourselves continued to serve in the said service, until the time, for which we enlisted expired, when we were all honorable discharge by Colo. George V. Stubblefield at Winchester Virginia, shortly after the Siege at Little York, and that we saw and were with said Acree in the Battles of Brandywine & Little York, and that the said Acree was wounded in the right leg with two musket balls in the battle of Brandywine and these deponents further sayeth not. Sworn and subscribed this 31st day of January 1825
William hisXmark Dunn [signed] John Dunn

[The following document is found in the rejected claims for bounty land in the Library of Virginia:
http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/PIBMRF47A4H36741BQ5RQDMCBN8PB2ID5A7E8YF4ELC8L3C5C4-19550?func=full-set-set&set_number=000972&set_entry=000001&format=999

State of Tennessee }

Knox County } James Acree being duly sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God says that he enlisted at Caroline courthouse in the State of Virginia sometime in the year 1777 as he believes, into the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Hoard in the fifth Regiment commanded by ___ in the Virginia State line for the term of five years; that he served in the said Regiment but a short time untill he was transferred to the eighth Regiment commanded by Col. George Bailor in the same line; that he continued in the service in said Regiment untill the surrender of Cornwallis, that after that event he was detailed to guard the prisoners to Winchester Virginia where he was honorably discharged by Maj. George Viller Stubblefield, under whom the guard had been sent – deponent lost his discharge at Richmond Virginia, a few years after the war – that he served the whole time of his enlistment and few days more – that he never received any bounty lands for his service – that he is now eighty years of age: was at the time of his enlistment of fair complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, six feet and one inch high and further saith not Sworn to and subscribed before me the 4th day of September 1830 [signed] James Acree

NOTES:

George Stubblefield was a Major in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line from 1 Apr 1777 until he resigned on 22 Feb 1778. He was a militia colonel in 1780 and 1781. Thomas Hord was an officer in the Caroline County Militia. Bounty lands were not awarded by Virginia for militia service.

On 3 Feb 1853 Esther Acree, 60, of Roane County TN applied for a pension stating that she was married by Rev. John Farmer to James Acree in Meigs County TN on 1 Jan 1823, and her husband died on 17 June 1846. As evidence she submitted a copy of the license executed in Rhea County TN for the marriage of James Acree to Esther Jones, as well as a copy of the minister's return. On 12 Mar 1855 Esther Acree applied for bounty land, with her age given as 61. On 27 Feb 1858 at age 64 she applied for an increase in pension under a later act. A letter dated 5 Feb 1867 refers to Esther Acree's effort to obtain restoration of her pension, which was suspended during the Civil War, and it refers to the Copperheads – Confederate sympathizers – who were still active especially around Knoxville. A document dated 10 July 1867 gives her age as 72 and residence as Paint Rock Ferry in Roane County, and it states that during the Civil War she lived "on the widow Nerfer's[?] land" and "Mitchel Farmer's land" near Paint Rock Ferry and was supported "through the kindness of friends, not being able to work."