

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Marshall W7390

Patience Marshall

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State of Virginia Accomac [Accomack] County: SS

On this the 20th day of December 1850, personally appeared before me William S Fletcher, a Justice of the Peace, and for said County: James Marshall, a resident of "Sykes Island" in the County of Accomac State of Virginia, aged ninety 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 enrolled in a company of militia Commanded by Captain Jesse Dickerson in the year 1777, attached to 2 Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colonel Southey Simpson till his death, and by Colonel George Corbin till the end of the war. I served many tours in keeping guard at both on the Sea and Bay side – We were called out on tours of three months. I was stationed, and kept guard at the following places viz.: Folly Landing, Wallop's Island and Holding Creek, and Auderey [?] and that he Guarded each place many months. To the best of my recollection, I was not engaged in any battle or skirmish. I cannot after this long lapse of time and the failure of memory from old age pretend to say on what day or month of the year I entered service or left it. I am confident that taking the many tours I served and the various times I was called out on alarms and marches, that the whole time I served amounted to more than two years; and I verily believe nearer three than two. Since the death of my fellow Soldier James Davis¹ I know of no one now living who can testify to my Services unless Robert Chace, a revolutionary Soldier, and a pensioner of the United States can do so. I was born in the year 1760, so far as I can recollect, the family record of my age which is at this time in the hands of a Citizen of this County, with whom I cannot have intercourse because I live on an island if the record is not destroyed or lost. I was married in the year 1788, as well as I can now recollect, and my oldest child is now about 60 or 62 years old.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year last above mentioned.

S/James Marshall, X his mark

[George H. Ewell, a clergyman, and William Stran Custis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

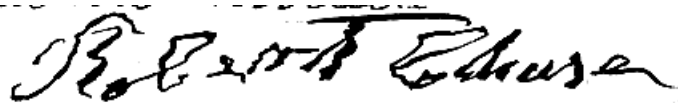
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I Robert Chase aged ninety years, a Revolutionary Soldier, and a pensioner of the United States

¹ FPA S8281

do hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with James Marshall of "Sykes Island." I know he performed duty in the war of the Revolution. He served in the company of militia commanded by Captain Jesse Dickerson, under the command of Colonel Southey Simpson. I cannot say that I remembered the various places at which James Marshall To guard; but I do know, he was stationed and kept guard at "Holding's Creek" in this County – I served with him at the above place in the year 1778 or 79. I cannot after this long lapse of time, say accurately how long he served; but from my knowledge of the many tours he served in keeping guard, I am satisfied he was on duty more than two years. Owing to the exposed condition of this County all of the militia Companies were frequently called out to keep guard, to repel the enemy and to protect the County from their depredations. The militia were called out on tours of several months duration during the whole war, and I am satisfied no company performed more duty than Captain Jesse Dickerson's in which James Marshall was enrolled.

S/ Robert Chase²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Chase". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Robert Chase²".

[attested in Accomack County December 25, 1850]

[p 5: On April 25, 1851 in Accomack County Virginia, Patients Marshall of "Sykes Island", aged 82, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Marshall, who served under Captain Jesse Dickerson in the militia in Accomack County; that she married him September 10, 1791; that her husband died January 9, 1851 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² [Robert Chase W6910](#)