

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Ervin (Ervine, Irvin) W9430 Sarah Ervin MD
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State of Maryland Frederick County Sct.

On this second day of June in the year 1818 before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the fifth Judicial district of said state personally appears James Ervin aged sixty years resident in said county, who being by me duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war – that he the said James Ervin enlisted in the continental service in Frederick town in the county and state aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Price [Benjamin Price BLWt341-300] of the Second Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel [John] Stewart – that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States from the Autumn of 1782 [sic] when he was enlisted until the end of the war being a period of two years service when he was discharged from service in Annapolis in said state – that he was at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and sundry skirmishes, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

State of Maryland Montgomery County

On this 18th day of November in the year 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record so constituted by the laws an constitution of the State James Irvin aged sixty years resident in Montgomery County and state of Maryland who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted in Frederick Town in the state of Maryland in he year 1780 in Captain Prices company of Infantry of the Second Maryland Regiment commanded by Col John Stewart of the Maryland line that he was in the Siege of York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis and that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the end of the War when he was discharged at Annapolis in the state of Maryland in the year 1783. that he has received a pension under the Act of Congress passed 18th March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in he land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and a certificate Marked No 3481 That he is by Occupation a Farmer which he is seldom able to pursue in consequence of his age and infirmaties that his family consists of a wife aged about 55 years and three children one Daughter aged 25 one son aged 16 and other son aged 10 years his wife named Sarah his daughter named Mary his oldest son named Thomas & his youngest named Alfred

And 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 persons 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.

Schedule

A Tract of Land containing seventy acres purchased for the sum of one thousand dollars of which one hundred dollars is paid the balance this deponent has passed his bond for which he is certain he can never pay and that the person of whom he purchased must take it back

3 Horses	4 Cows	11 Sheep	1 Duch oven
9 Hogs	5 Old chairs	1 Walnut Table	5 [undeciphered word] Tubs
1 Poplar Table	2 Scythes	2 Mattocks	2 Small Irons

2 chests	2 cradles	2 Axes	1 Waggon
1 Butter churn	1 Plough	1 drawing knife	
½ Dozen milk pots	2 Harrows	2 Tubs	
1 Cutting Box		1 large Iron Pot	
		2 Cider Barrels	
		1 Wheel barrow	

Valued by the Court at \$120

James Irvin

Maryland Montgomery County to Wit

On this 8 day of July 1823 personally appears in open Court, being a Court of record under a special Commission for Montgomery County in the State Maryland, James Ervin resident in said County aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that he the said James Ervin enlisted to serve during the war in the Army of the Revolution on or about the 30 day of November in the year 1779 in the State of Maryland in Frederick town, and in the company Commanded by Captain, Thomas Price, in the 2^d Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Stewart in the Maryland line on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until, the expiration of the war when he was discharged from the said service in Annapolis in the state of Maryland, and that his name has been placed on the pension list and erased therefrom on account of his property. [Oath similar to the preceding follows.] that since the exhibition of his first Schedule, the following changes have been made in his property.

A Schedule of the property of James Ervin,

A tract of Land, containing 50 or 60 acres. I have been compelled since the exhibition of my last Schedule, to return to John Furnar, from who I purchased, being unable to pay for the same.

2 old horses	20	
1 Cow & 1 Heifer	12	
1 old waggon	20	
2 old plowes	2	
4 small Hogs	<u>4</u>	\$58.

James hisXmark Ervin

The said James Ervin is a farmer by occupation, and is not able to pursue his said occupation from his being very decriped and infirm, and in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

Maryland Montgomery County Sct

On this 2nd day of March 1824 personally appeared in open court (being a court of record for the third Judicial District of the State of Maryland) James Ervin a resident of said county aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to be ~~restored~~ obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 1st March 1818 and the first of may 1820, that he the said James Ervin enlisted to serve during the war in the army of the revolution on or about the 30th day of November 1779 in the state of Maryland in Frederick Town in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Price in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Stewart in the line of the state of Maryland on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of the war when he was discharged from the said service in annapolis in the state of Maryland and that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropt therefrom on account of his property. [Oath as above.]

A Schedule of the Property of James Ervin

Two old Horses valued to \$20. one Cow & Heifer valued to \$12. one old waggon \$20. two old ploughs \$2.00 & four small hogs \$4.00 & one old chest valued 50 cts James hisXmark Ervin

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my

property

A tract of Land containing 178 Acres which I have been compelled since the exhibition of my last schedule to Fred'd Brown as security on account of his having joined me in a Bond for the purchase of said Land as appears by the affidavit of Frederick Brown herewith transmitted and of which the following is the substance. "In the autumn of 1819 he (Ervin) was obliged to leave the place on which he then resided, his time having expired and also a division of the property has taken place among the Heirs it being the property of a deceased person and at that time there was no possibility of his procuring a place to rent on any terms, he found himself in a very great strait, the above named land was for sale and said Ervin was persuaded by his friends to purchase the said Land said Brown (the person who appears to have made the affidavit referred to) agreed to join him in a Bond for the purchase money, we bargained with Mr John Furney[?] for the Land for the sum of \$2000 said Brown was to pay one half and he (Ervin) was to pay the other half, the first payment was \$1100 of which he (Ervin) paid \$100 and gave his Bond and security for the balance of the money, a Deed was executed in James Erwin's name (a certified copy of which is herewith accompanied) for the whole tract of Land. Said Brown took of him a Bond of conveyance for the one half on the Land to be laid off to him (Brown) whenever he should require it which has never been done, he the said Ervin has not paid any more than the \$100 which has been more than consumed, by Interest, said Brown has since taken up his (Erwin's) Bond, and he is now in his present situation finding it utterly impossible for him ever to redeem his Bonds and keep the Land he had of necessity to give up the land to said Brown for which he has made and executed a Deed in due form of Law"

The Hogs & Cows returned in the first and not inserted in the second schedule of his property at present in his possession have been killed and used by the family the sheep & one Horse has since died.

The said James Ervin is a Farmer by occupation and is not able to pursue the same from his having been wounded during the war and has a family consisting of a wife aged 59 years one Daughter aged 35 years who has the consumption [tuberculosis] and one son 12 years old all of whom are unable to render any assistance towards their support

James hisXmark Ervin

Land Office, Annapolis/ 8th June, 1841

Dear Sir [Hon. J. A. Pearce], In answer to the letter of Roderick Dorsey, Esq. of the 5th Inst. respecting the Revolutionary services of James Irvine, and which answer he requested should be addressed to you, I have to state, that by a Pay roll in this office, James Irvine, appears to have received pay and Gratuity up to the 15th of November, 1783, at which time the Army of the United States was disbanded. I should therefore infer, from his receiving the Gratuity of \$80, that he enlisted for and during the War, but by another record endorsed, "Register of Maryland Troops discharged at the Post of Frederick Town in 1783," it is stated, that he enlisted for three years, in the 1st Regiment. It is also shown by the Bounty Land record, that he was recruited in 1781, but there is no regular muster roll of the Maryland troops that enlisted in 1781. I am therefore unable to certify as to the date of his enlistment. Enclosed, I send you a Certificate from the pay roll, showing the pay and Gratuity received by him at the close of the War.

I am very respectfully yrs/ George G. Brewer

NOTES:

On 25 Feb 1841 Samuel Irvine of Frederick County MD applied for a pension stating that James Irvine and Sarah Irvine were married on 20 Dec 1787, that James Irvine died on 28 June 1827, and that Sarah Irvine died on 18 Aug 1838. He stated that the family record transcribed below was from the family Bible, and that the following children survived their mother and were still living: Mary; John; Jane Brown, wife of Frederick Brown of Frederick County; James; Samuel; Thomas; and Alfred.

The deed referred to in Ervin's 1824 application states that the property was called "Windsor Forest."

BIRTHS.

Mary Ervin daughter of James and Sarah Ervin was Born the 26th day of September 1788

John Ervin was Born the 1st day of November 1790

Jane Ervin was born the 6th day of february 1793

James Ervin was born the 2d day off April 1795

Samuel Ervin was born the 16th day of august 1797

Eleanor was born april the 25, 1817

William Ervin was born the 3d day of february 1800

Thomas Ervin was born the 16 day of august 1802

Rebekah Ervin was born the 20th of January 1804

Alfred Ervin was born the 22d of february 1811

Eleanor E was born april the 25, 1817

MARRIAGES.

James Ervin And Sarah harison was Married the 20th of december 1787

Samuel Ervin And Eleanor Stollles was Mared the 22th of January 1839

BIRTHS.

Mary E Ervin daughter of Samuel and Eleanor Ervin was Born August 11th 1840

DEATHS.

James Ervin Departed this life on thursday 28th of June 1827

James Ervin Jr. D Departed this life on the 18 day of august 1838

Sarah Ervin