

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Christie W9782 Sarah Christie VA
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

On this [blank] day of [blank] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the following persons Justice of the peace. towit. Bernard Newland, Robert T. Robb and George Pelleley[?] Composing the County Court of Shelby and now in Session as a Court James Christie a resident of the Count of Shelby & State of Kentucky aged seventy four 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 under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated.

That in the spring of the year in May or thereabouts in the year 1777 he volunteered as a soldier of the revolution in the Virginia State line in the County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia for the term of three months. That his Captains name was Donaldson [John Donelson], his Lieutenants name was Lucas. that during this tour of three months he was not in the Regiment of any Colonel there being none. this Company of sixty eight young men was all that he was with. that during this tour of duty he marched from Pittsylvania to Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County in said state over the mountains. from this point they marched up the Roanoke River to Colo. Madison's fort in the County aforesaid from this point to Colo. [William] Preston's fort [probably at present Blacksburg]. that from this place they marched from Luca's fort [sic: Lucas's Fort] on New River. from this place he with twenty two others marched down New River to Hatfields fort [at present Pearisburg] and there remained until his term of three full months had expired. that at said forts no commanding officers were living. That at many of them Capt. Donaldson left a few of his men, having reduced the Company from sixty eight to twenty two men. That at this place he was discharged by Cap. Donaldson.

That in the month of February 1779 in Pittsylvania County & State of Virginia he was drafted as a soldier for the Term of six months. that during this tour of duty his Captains name was William Witcher. his Lieutenants name was Dalton. That from Pittsylvania County they marched to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina from this place he marched to Camden [SC]. the number of the Regiment not recollected. That on the 23^d day of July 1779 he was discharged from the service by his Captain which discharge is herewith enclosed as he received the same. That in the month of March or April 1780 he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the revolution in Pittsylvania County & State of Virginia for the term of five months. that he was Commanded by Captain [Isaac] Clement & Lieut Ben Duncan [Benjamin Duncan]. that his Company marched from Pittsylvania to Hillsborough North carolina. that when he got to Hillsborough he was Commanded by Colo. [Ralph] Faulkner, Major [Henry] Conway & adjutant Hubbards. Genl. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] commanded the Brigade of Militia from Virginia. Genl. [William] Smallwood was the Commandant of the Maryland Troops. that from this place they marched to Camden in the month of August [16] 1780 and there attacked Lord Cornwallis, and in that battle Genl.[Horatio] Gates was defeated, and the Virginia Militia retreated through the Swamps of South carolina. That in this Battle Genl. Baron De Calb [sic: Baron De Kalb] fell. a day or two after this followed the defeat of General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter at Fishing Creek SC, 18 Aug 1780]. that for this service he was discharged in July by his Captain. that some time before the aforesaid Battle the time for which he was drafted expired and whilst in South Carolina he again volunteered for five months more. that during this time of five months the afs'd Battle of Canden was fought. that this last term of service ended in the winter after the Battle of Camden afs'd. That he faithfully served the two last tours of duty and was in the last under the same officers of the third Tour. that from Both of the aforesaid tours of duty he was

discharged by a writing a portion of which papers he has, a portion of each being lost or torn off, as will appear by examination, which pieces of paper are herewith annexed. that he did not go with the remnant of the army to Charlotte and Salisbury in their retreat from Camden, but went a different direction through the swamps. That he has no documentary evidence except that which he herewith annexes and a Certificate of Edward Gwinn stating that he had served out all the drafts that came against him, but that Gwinn was not at this or any time the Captain of him James Christie. 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 this state or any other state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [sic]. [signed] James Christie

Questions propounded to the said James Christie by the Court.

Where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1758 August 16th 3 o'clock M

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Ans. I have no record of my age but have a copy from the record of my age. – Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Ans. I lived in Pittsylvania County Virginia. I removed to North Carolina, from there to Franklin County Virginia, from there to Lincoln County Kentucky and lived in said County of Lincoln one year, and I have ever since and now reside in the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky. – How were you called into the service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom.

Ans. I volunteered for the first tour. The second tour I was drafted. the third I went as a substitute for whom I know not. the fourth tour I volunteered – 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 the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. In the third tour of duty I recollect Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene [sic: see endnote], Baron De Calb, Genl. Stephens, Genl. [Robert] Lawson, Colo. Falkner, Major Conway & Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln. the General Circumstances of my service are stated in my declaration. I do not recollect the names by which the establishments in which I served were known.

– Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it. – Ans. I received discharges from my tours of service as stated in my aforesaid declaration, and which discharges are annexed to said declaration. – State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution –

Ans. I would state [blank] as persons to whom I am known and who can testify as to my character for veracity and as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

[On 4 Sep 1832 the following papers were authenticated by Israel Christie, 39, son of James Christie.]

This is to Certifie that James Christie a Soldier in my Company of Mitia from pitsylvania County Virginia to south Carlinia is dischard

Given under my hand at Camdon this 23^d day of July 1779 William Witcher Capt

Theas are to Certy that James Christie Has lived in my Company Near Tow years & Has behaved Himself Well and Has Complied with all Drafts that Came against Him Edward Gwin Capt

[The following was folded into quarters, and the third quarter is missing as indicated.]

Camden South Carolina July

This is to Certifie that James C dered from
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NOTES:

On 10 Sep 1838 Sarah Christie, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married James Christie in Orange County VA on 20 March 1781 or 1782, and he died on 8 March 1837. She stated that she was unable to travel the 14 miles to the courthouse to make her declaration. The file contains a paper with the records transcribed below. Their son, Israel Christie, 45, stated that his parents, James and Sarah Christie, had five children before he was born, and the oldest was 55 or 56. On 13 Jan 1844 Sarah Christie, 82, was living in Jefferson County IN. Her identity was certified by one Abraham Christie

The following appears to be notes used in preparing a power of attorney, which was signed on 19 May 1853 by Preston Christie and James Christie. "James Christie served 3 different tours Revolution always in the rank of Orderly Sergeant. Drew duty 56\$ pr ann, or between 50 and 56\$. Precise amt not recollected. Whether he only claimed for one tour, or whether he neglected to state his grade of service, is not positively known, but he [illegible word] his pn. ought to have been much larger. Belonged to Pennsylvania [sic] at time of service, and all his services were most probably in Pa troops. The 1st tour he was a volunteer, the next a substitute, the next was drafted – how long he served each time not known. During the intervals between these tours of service, he was engaged in driving stock for the army. Died 9 march 1836, in Shelby Co. Ky. Drew no arrears of Pn commencing[?]. Widow died in Ripley Co, Ind. March 27th 1844. She drew until death, one half the amount drawn by her husband. Married in North Carolina, about 178[?]; 5 heirs living, Viz James Christie, Bryantsburg P. O. Jeff[erson] Co. [IN] Lives in Ripley). William Christie Hendricks Co. Danville P.O. [IN] John Christie, Switzerland Co. [IN] Isaac Christy, Ripley Co. Marion P.O. 3 Sisters of the above heirs are also living in various states. communications on the subject may be addressed to Judge James Christie (the same who signs the Power of Atty)."

James Christie was Born the 16th of August 1758

Sarah Christie was Born the 19th of April 1762