Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pettit S5896  f25VA
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State of Virginia County of Campbell to wit:

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the said County of Campbell James Pettit a resident of the said County aged 71 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That when he was in the 15th year of his age he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the 2nd State Regiment of the Virginia line. This enlistment took place in the County of Louisa where he then resided in the State aforesaid under Captain Jack Pope, and from thence he was marched to Williamsburg in the same State, where he served one year in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. At the expiration of the year aforesaid he was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney of the County of Hanover and marched to the State of Pennsylvania where he joined the Army encamped on the River Schuylkill commanded by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. He does not now recollect the name of the Captain who commanded him at this time. Captain Jack Pope had previously resigned his Commission, and withdrawn from the Army. From the time he left Williamsburg he continued to serve in the Regiment last aforesaid, and under the command of General Muhlenberg for the term of two years when he was discharged at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia, & obtained a written discharge which he cannot now produce it being either lost or mislaid. During the two years he served principally in the north he was as far north as the White Plains and was engaged in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. He served a part of the time before stated as a Sergeant & the balance is as a private. In consideration of these services in part satisfaction of his claim growing out of them he on the 29th of August 1831, received from the Secretary of State of the United States the script prescribed by the act of Congress passed on the 30th May 1830 in discharge of an original military bounty Land warrant granted to him by the State of Virginia for 100 acres of Land, which warrant was numbered 6619, & bore date on 14th day of February 1824.

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 of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Pettit
1. Question Where and in what year were you born
   Answer. I was born in the County of Albemarle in the year 1762 and raised in Louisa.
2. Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it
   Ans. I have as taken from my Father's record and it is now at my house.
3. Question. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the
   revolutionary war and where do you now live
   Ans. I was living when I entered into service in the County of Louisa. The greater part of my
   life since the revolution in Amherst – at present in the County of Campbell.
4. Question: How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a
   substitute and if a substitute for whom
   Ans. I enlisted under Captain John Pope. I never volunteered or served as a substitute
5. Question 5. 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 services.
   Ans. First under Colonel Morgan afterwards under Colonel Charles Dabney &c. I was at the
   battle of Monmouth – no other circumstances recollected more than I have stated in my
   declaration.
   Ques. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and
   what has become of it.
   Ans. I had but by whom it was given I do not recollect nor what has become of it.
   Question 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood
   who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of
   the Revolution.
   Ans. Samuel Tardy, Capt. Porter & Major Benjamin Haden.

   [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 Continental line.]