

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Jameson S4427

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State of Kentucky County of Barren Sct.

On this 19th day of nov'r. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Barren County, in open Court, John Jameson a Resident of Barren County in the State of Kentucky, aged 69 years the 22nd day of last october 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 of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He was born in near Staunton in Augusta County Virginia on the 22nd of Oct'r 1763, & lived there up to the time he entered the service, which he entered in the Virginia Militia as near as he can now recollect about the 1st of September 1779 as a substitute for his father George Jameson. Michael Coulter was his Captain & David Buchannan [David Buchanan] his Lieutenant, the other Company officers not now remembered. Under these officers he rendezvoused at Dixy's Ferry [sic: Dix's Ferry near South Boston VA] near the North Carolina line for the purpose of marching against the Tories. He did not however reach his destination, & in deed went no farther than Dixy's Ferry, for the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] had just been fought, & he met the Guard at the ferry with the prisoners, which were delivered over to Major Alexander Stewart [sic: Alexander Stewart], who commanded a Brigade of which Capt. Coulter's company was a part & this Applicant a member of that Company. They took the prisoners through Bedford County, crossed at Rockfish Gap, down through Augusta thence to Winchester Barracks, where they guarded the prisoners until the period of six months, for which time this applicant had entered the service, had expired, when they were all, this applicant among the rest, discharged. He does not now remember whether he received a written Discharge or not, if he did it is now lost. In this tour he served six months.

He then remained at home until about the 1st of May. He then entered the service in the Virginia Militia as a substitute for Robert McChesney under Cap. Sam'l. McCutchin [sic: Samuel McCutchen], & Lieutenant Sam'l. McCutchin both of the same name (cousins). He went in the company to Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks to guard the Prisoners taken under Burgoyne [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777]. He was there placed under the Command of Col. Taylor, (perhaps his given name was Richard) [sic: Francis Taylor]. He remained here as a guard for the prisoners until the period of six months, the time for which he entered this service, had expired. He was then discharged and went home, but cannot now remember whether he received a written Discharge or not, & if he did it is now lost or mislaid. Indeed he never expected to have any use for any if he rec'd. them

About the 15th April 1781, about the same time the Assembly had been driven out of Charlottesville by the British [sic: 4 June 1781], he volunteered in the Company of Cap. Patrick Buchannan [Patrick Buchanan], Lieutenant William Steele & Ensign James Hamilton. The Company rendezvoused at Rockfish Gap at the Blue Ridge, where it was from thence through Charlottesville & Ambermarle County thence down the main Three Chopped [sic: Three Chopt] Road down to Richmond, from thence down to Bottoms Bridge, thence to a place called the burnt Chimnies [sic: Burnt Chimneys near Williamsburg], where Col. Boyer [sic: William Bowyer] took this applicant with a detached party to a place called hot water where a skirmish took place with the British [Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 26 June 1781], in which this applicant was engaged & in which Boyer was taken prisoner & James Hamilton, Ensign of the Company had his leg broken by two musket balls. Boyer was on horseback, having borrowed the horse he rode of John Francis who, as this applicant has reason to believe, is dead, having written to him but received no answer or he would endeavour to get his testimony. He then, after the skirmish retreated back to the Burnt Chimnies. A few days after that he was in an engagement at the Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 July] under the command of Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne, the other field officers not now remembered. In the engagement Wayne

had about 100 men killed & wounded, & was compelled to retreat back to the burnt chimnies. He (the applicant) then went down through Williamsburgh, under Wayne to Little York, where he arrived about 15 or 18 days before the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct] & continued there until the surrender. He was there discharged & went home having served for the time of six months. While at little york he frequently saw Genls. Washington, Layfayette [sic: Lafayette] & many other officers whom he could now name, but thinks it unnecessary, since being a militia man & often shifted from the command of one man to another, he had not opportunity of becoming acquainted with either the Regular officers or Regiments. This applicant will farther mention that after the battle of the Green Springs, by some called the Battle of James Town, he was taken in a detached Company under Col. William Cambell [sic: William Campbell], who commanded at Kings mountain when the prisoners were taken, through Richmond, crossed James River at Westham Ferry, thence to Spotsylvania & intersected the road leaving from Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] to New London [in present Campbell County], for the purpose of meeting the British, who it was reported, was going to New London. But on reaching the said Road they found that the report was not true - then went back & joined the main Army. Wile lying near the road which led from Petersburg to New London he became acquainted with Simeon Buford [pension application S1180], who was a famous foot racer & who then run a foot race & was betted on by this applicant among the troops, & from that circumstance attracted the attention of this applicant. Bufords Affidavit is herewith submitted to the war Department for its consideration.

In the month of April 1782 He turned out as an Indian Spy, being drafted for that purpose. He served in the Boundary set apart between the Guyandott & Kenhawa Rivers [sic: Guyandotte and Kanawha rivers] then to the Ohio River under Cap. William Ward, Lieutenant Cornelius Alexander & Ensign James Ward. Greenbrier & Montgomery Counties constituted the frontier of the boundary. He met once a month, on Cole River, a little River which empties on the Kenhawa [probably Coal River at present St. Albans in WV], with his Captain & comrades for the purpose of imparting any information they had gathered & consulting with each other. He served six months in the capacity of an Indian Spy. He cant say whether he received a written discharge from this service or not. if he did it is lost. The applicant desires to say that the above narration is given according to the best of his recollection & as correctly as under the circumstances it could be given. He has no Documentary evidence & knows of no person, except the above Simeon Buford whose affidavit is submitted, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state In answer to the question presented by the War Department he saith; that he was born in Augusta County Virginia on the 22nd day of Oct'r. 1763. He has no Record of his age in his own possession, but the Record of his father is now in the possession of Mrs. Lucinda Tottinger in Nelson County in this State. He lived in Augusta County Virginia every time he was called into service where he lived until 1786, when he moved to Fayette County in this state, then to Nelson County & then to Barren County Ky where he has lived for the last 19 years. The two first tours he was a substitute; the 3rd he volunteered, & the 4th was drafted as an Indian Spy. The first tour he was a substitute for his father George Jameson the 2nd for Robert McChisney. At the Siege of York where Cornwallis was taken, he frequently saw the Regular officers, Genls. Washington LaFayette, Col Morgan Col Washington [see endnote] & Gen'l. Wayne & others. He does not remember the names of the Regiments. He was in a skirmish at hot Water, the Battle of Green springs, & the Capitulation of Cornwallis & acted as an Indian Spy in 1782. If he ever received Discharges he cannot now tell what has become of them. In answer to the 7th he would name Rev. Jacob Lock, Jesse Stallworth, Elisha Dickey, William Harlow Esq'r., Davis Lock, William Savage, Rolly Tabcot, Stapleton C. Burch [illegible word] Theophilus Stark, & William Wood.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

[signed] John Jameson

NOTE: I could not identify a Col. Morgan of the Continental Army. The only known Col. Washington of the Continental Army was Lt. Col. William Washington, who was not at Yorktown, having been wounded and captured at the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781. On 16 Sep 1833 Jameson filed an amended declaration that adds no new detail about his service.