

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of James Dollar W25535  
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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1836, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid James Dollar, now a resident citizen of the County of Chatham in the State aforesaid who being first duly qualified according to law maketh on oath the following Statement to wit:

That he was born in the County of Hanover in Virginia and that his parents removed to this County when he was about three years old as he has always understood. That he was living in this County during the Revolutionary War, and resided here until about 10 years ago when he removed to Chatham County where he now resides – and That about two years ago he made a Declaration for pension before the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for Chatham County and in support of his services when he made his Declaration adduced affidavits of John Dollar and Benjamin Carroll resident Citizens of this County and who were neighbors to him and served with this affiant in the War of the revolution this affiant's Declaration was satisfactory to the said court and the said Declaration and affidavits were put in the hands of John Guthrie Esqr. of Chatham County, to be transmitted to be War Department pension office and this affiant until the present fall was under the impression that he is case had been received that the pension office until the receipt of W. Edwards' letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ultimo [which is enclosed].

He therefore appears before the undersigned a Justice, and makes a Second or Supplemental Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; To wit:

1. This Declarant states that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1780 he was drafted into the service of the United States for three months in a Company of Militia under the Command of Captain John Ray, Colonel Farmer of Hillsboro had command of our Regiment – rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsborough – crossed Haw River at Woody's ferry – marched to Pittsboro Chatham Court House, where we were joined by some other companies of militia amongst them was Captain Sanders of Caswell County Col. Stephen Moore – was also with us of Caswell County, we did not join General Caswell [Richard Caswell] and Gates [Horatio Gates] until a week or two before General Gates was defeated near Camden in South Carolina – was in the engagement at that place the 16<sup>th</sup> of that year – after the defeat retreated to Hillsboro in this County and rendezvoused there and remained in service til my three months tour expired, when I was regularly discharged by my Captain and returned home. This affiant further states upon his said oath that when he made his Declaration in Chatham Court House two years ago, he proved this tour Jonathan Dollar,<sup>1</sup> who he learns has since died.

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<sup>1</sup> [Jonathan Dollar S9330](#)

2. This affiant was a second time drafted in these service of the United States about the 10<sup>th</sup> of July of the following year to wit: 1781, for a tour of three months in the militia. Davis Grisson was Captain – Horton Lieutenant, Stephen Moore Colonel. Rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro, crossed Haw River at Galbraith's ferry, marched through Martinsville – thence to Salisbury where we were stationed some time – thence to Charlotte, thence to Waxhaw, thence to Camden thence to Greene's encampment in South Carolina – which we reached about the first of September following, was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs and under Colonel Malmedy<sup>2</sup> on that day (he thinks) – was sent on as one of the Guard over the prisoners they took to Salisbury; after remaining there some two or three weeks we were marched to Hillsboro and were there regularly discharged by Captain Grisson and returned home. And this affiant further states upon his said oath that when he made his declaration for pension at the Court aforesaid, this tour was proved by Benjamin Carroll<sup>3</sup> of this County, who this affiant understands is yet living is but too infirm to leave home – he will however endeavor to avail himself of Mr. Carroll's testimony. This affiant is too infirm to go to the residence of Mr. Carroll--

This Declarant further states that he was born in Hanover in Virginia about the year of 1762.

That he has no record of his age.

That he was living in this, Orange, County when he was called into the service of the United States.

That he has been living in this and Chatham County ever since the War of the Revolution.

That he now resides in Chatham, but is living within a few miles of the Orange line – that being a resident of this County during the war he has come thither to procure the evidence of his revolutionary compatriots. That he is old and too infirm to attend Court & make this Statement.

That when he entered the service both times it was by draft.

That he knew Captain Hall, Colonel Dixon, Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Lytle & Colonel Moore, Thaxton [sic, Thackston], Col. Horton, Colonel Murphy & other militia.

That he received discharges--

For his first three months tour, Captain Ray gave him his discharge.

That for his second tour of three months, Colonel Grisson gave him his discharge.

That they are now both lost – he has however no remembrance of seeing them for upwards of 20 years past.

That he is known to John Hutchins and William Trier Junior who can testify to his good standing & of his being a Revolutionary soldier as they have heard.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ A. Strayhorn, JP

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Jonathan Dollar, Jr., a resident citizen of said County who being first duly qualified maketh oath that he is well acquainted with James Dollar of Chatham, and that said James Dollar about two years ago made an application for pension or got affidavits for that purpose, and this affiant is a son of Jonathan Dollar, Deceased, an United States pensioner – remembers of said James Dollar getting his father' affidavit, proving that said James & himself served a three months tour together what is usually called Gates defeat – that he was frequently

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2 Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)

3 [Benjamin Carroll W10587](#)

in his father's lifetime heard his father speak of said tour and that James Dollar served all of said tour with him.

And this affiant also understood that the papers that James Dollar had fixed for pension have all been lost and he is under the necessity of giving new proof.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ W. N. Pratt, JP

S/ Jonathan Dollar

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the first day of December 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Benjamin Carroll, a resident citizen of said County now in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his age who being first duly qualified maketh oath that in the fall of the year of 1781, he served a three months tour in the militia in 1781 and was in the battle of Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs] – and remembers that James Dollar of Chatham County was a private in the United States service all of said three months – said James Dollar was a good Whig and a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ W. N. Pratt, JP

S/ Benjamin Carroll, X his mark

[fn p. 9: On October 28, 1853, Mary Doller [sic], 81, filed for a widow's pension in Chatham County, NC, stating that she married James Dollar in 1785 in Orange County; that James died on April 20, 1853 and was a pensioner of the US at the rate of \$20/annum. In a later application, she states that she married James on January 12, 1785; they were married by John Cabe, Esqr.; that her maiden name was Mary White.]

[fn p. 13: on April nine, 1855 in Chatham County North Carolina, Mary Dollar filed for her bounty land entitlement and states that she married her husband on or about the 12th day of January 1785 as well as she can remember and that they were married by one John Cabe, Esquire; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary White; that her husband died in Chatham County.]