

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Gambling W460
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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

Be it known that on the eighth day of April 1843, before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared James Gambling a Revolutionary soldier of the United States aged about 91 or two years a resident of Tennessee in the County of Sumner who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following Statement, that in the fall of 1780, he the said James Gambling in his present Wife Mary Gambling was lawfully Married in the State of North Carolina and has lived together as man & wife ever since.

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

S/ Josiah Walton, JP

S/ James Gambling

State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Sumner, James Gambling, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, they were the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776, with Ensign Joseph Worth, who was from Edenton, and served in the second Regiment of the North Carolina Line, under the following named officers, Colonel Alexander Martin, Lieutenant Colonel John Patton, Major White, General Nash commanded the Brigade composed of the first & second Regiments – Applicant would here state that he enlisted at first as he believes for only six months, but was returned for 12 months, which Term Applicant served under Captain Veal [Edward Vail] in the South, after which without leaving the service Applicant enlisted for three years, & was immediately marched to the North under the Command of the above officers with the expectation of the Captain – Captain Gee [James Gee] commanded the Company to which Applicant belonged Captain Gee died on the march to the North – to joined the Main Army under General Washington. After which Captain John Craddock commanded the Company Applicant marched on with the above Regiments to the Commons of Philadelphia – where we remained encamped – until General Washington came on with his Army, when our Brigade joined the Main Army. Applicant there remained with the Main Army in the North for [indecipherable word, which appears to start with “b”] than three years – during which time, he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, in which Battle General Nash was killed; Monmouth Court-House, where the Americans were victorious Applicant was in the fort on North River, at Flanks' [sic, Verplanck's] Point at King's Ferry, some distance above New York the British attacked the Fort about Sun Rise the engagement continued until night & was recommenced in the morning, about two o'clock P. M. the Americans had to surrender the Fort, when the Prisoners were taken to New York & kept in close confinement for 2 months & ten days in the great house called the Sugar House Applicant was discharged from his imprisonment after the expiration of two months & ten days. The above Fort was commanded by Captain Armstrong [Thomas Armstrong], Lieutenants Anderson & Lawrence [Nathaniel Lawrence] – An exchange was made of Prisoners, when the British put us ashore at a little place called Morris Town – then we marched to West Point where we joined our Regiment – we there remained until we received orders to March to Charleston South Carolina but before this time Applicant's Term of service had expired but he remained with the Army until the Army marched to the Town of Halifax North Carolina, where he was regularly discharge by Colonel John Patton who took command of the Regiment at Germantown upon the resignation of Colonel Martin, which discharge applicant gave to Major Sexton to enable him to procure a Grant for the land to which Applicant was entitled for his services, Applicant sold the same to said Sexton – Applicant deems that it is unnecessary for him to go into a more minute

detail. He enlisted in Camden County North Carolina – before the death of General Nash – Hogan [sic, James Hogun] succeeded him in command at the time Applicant was discharged which was in January 1780 – was commanded by Captain Stewart – General Hogun, Colonels John Patton & Hardy Murphy [sic, Murfree or Murphree] – Majors not now recollected.

 Camp he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

 Sworn to and subscribed, the day and date aforesaid.

 S/ James Gambling

Sworn to in open Ct. August 14, 1832

Test: S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[facts in file: veteran died May 13, 1843; he married fall of 1780, Mary; she was allowed a widow's pension on application dated January 6, 1844, at age 82 while residing in Sumner County, Tenn.; 6 children are referred to but not named in the file.]