

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Camp R1617

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State of Virginia, Halifax County, to wit:

On this 27th day of July 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of Halifax now sitting John Camp a resident of the said County of Halifax & State aforesaid aged 70 years the first day of May last 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 the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He was drafted in the militia service early in the month of July 1781 & was put in a Company commanded by Capt. Fleming Bates then of this County, which company was attached to the first Regiment of the Second Brigade commanded by Col. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson]. That after he was drafted in the County aforesaid, he marched under the command of Capt. Bates through the County of Charlotte & through the intermediate Counties to the Town of Petersburg from thence to Williamsburg from thence to little York where he remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781]. That after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, their time of service having nearly expired, Col. Richardson solicited the young unmarried soldiers to volunteer & Guard the Britons to the State of Maryland. That he did Volunteer, with many others, & guarded the prisoners into the State of Maryland to the place of their destination, from whence he returned almost without a penny in his pocket, a distance of about 300 miles to the Court house of his County; about Christmas 1781 & was there discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. His testimony to prove his services is James Bates¹ & T. Sparrow.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Camp



[Hardaway Chandler & Obadiah Chandler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Attested by William Holt, Clerk of County Court]

¹ [James Bates W5787](#)

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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

James Bates a very Reputable person this day made Oath before me, that early in the month of July 1781 John Camp, now of this County was drafted as a Militia Soldier from the County for 3 months in the revolutionary war, in a Company commanded by Capt. Fleming Bates then of this County wherein he was Ensign, which Company belonged to the first Regiment of the 2nd brigade of Virginia militia commanded by Col. Holt Richardson. That the said John Camp was at the Siege of Little York & the surrender of the said place by Lord Cornwallis. Our time of service being out in a few days, Col. Richardson advised & persuaded the young unmarried men of his Regiment to volunteer & Guard the Britons to the State of Maryland that, if we would do so if we should ever after be called on to do a tour of duty, we should be exempted from the said tour. Accordingly the said John Camp, himself & many others assisted to Guard the Britons into the State of Maryland having volunteered for that purpose. And that after we had assisted to convey the Britons to the place of their destination in the State of Maryland, we then marched, almost without a penny in our pockets, to the Court house of our County, where we were discharged about Christmas 1781. This Affiant further made Oath before me that in consequence of such services as above stated he is now a pensioner and drawing \$78 as Ensign, per annum.

And Thomas Sparrow, whom I also deem Reputable made Oath before me, that he was drafted in the Militia Service with the above named John Camp & that he saw him Volunteer to Assist to Guard the British prisoners to the State of Maryland. That he did not assist to Guard the prisoners to Maryland: But that he saw the said John Camp with several Young men of his Company start with the British to Guard them to Maryland & that as well as he remembers the said John Camp returned home about Christmas 1781.

Given under my hand 20th June 1835.

S/ Wm Faulkner

[attested by William Holt, clerk of County Court]