Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Michael James R47

VA

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[Letter-number combinations in brackets refer to federal pension applications.]

Pay Roll for the State Boat Liberty Lieutenant Michael James Commander

Time of Entry	Mens Names	Stations	Pay per Day [shillings]	Pay per month	Time paid up to	Amount of pay	Months	Days
1784								
August 3	Michael James	Commander	8/		12 January 1785	£64.16.		162
October 5	John Ewing [R3415]	Pilot	4/		12 D[itt]o	19.16		99
5	Stephen Dunton	Seaman		£3. 0.0	Do	9.14	3	7
12	John Pickett	Do		2. 8	Do	7. 4	3	
20	William Rogers	Do		2.14	Do	7. 7	2	23
"	Michael Dixon	Do		1.16	Do	$4.18.3\frac{1}{2}$	2	23
"	Mathew Cook [R2268]	Boy		1.10	Do	4. 2	2	23
November 1	Benj'n Rudd [Benjamin Rudd W5756]	Seaman		3. 0	Do	7. 4	2	12
13	Edward Bully [VAS2764]	Boatswaine		4. 0	Do	7.17.4		
	William Bush	Public negro						
October 12	P Bartlett [Philip Bartlett R7]	Surgeon for		5. 0.0	Do	<u>15. 0.0</u>	3	
		Both Boats				£147.18.7½		

James E Heath Auditor

E. E Jas Barron

At a Court held for Northampton County the 13thday of May 1833.

It is ordered to be certified that it appears to this Court by satisfactory evidence that Michael James who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary War, died intestate, leaving one child who died shortly after the death of her father an infant intestate and without issue. That said Michael James left no other child or descendant of any other child. That the said Michael James left at his death the following brothers and sisters who are his heirs at Law, and no other brothers or sisters or descendants of any other brother or sisters, viz, Bridget James & Susan Savage formerly Susan James, who were sisters of the whole blood to said Michael James; and five brothers and sisters of the half blood, vz. Thomas James, Robert James, Peggy Bool, Elizabeth Savage and John Ewing. That the said Bridget James has lately died having devised her whole Estate to James C. Mapp the younger, Wm. W. Mapp, Alfred N. H. Mapp and Robins W. W. Mapp. that the said Susan Savage has died intestate leaving as her heir at Law her children Michael Savage, Susanna, wife of Hezekiah P. Wescoat, George Savage and Ann R. Rodgers. The said Ann R. Rodgers is since dead intestate leaving as her heirs at Law her children Robert, James, Edward & Jane Rodgers. The said George Savage has also died intestate leaving as his heirs at Law his children John & George. The said Thomas James has died intestate leaving as his heirs at Law his children Elizabeth, the wife of James Poulson, Cassandra the wife of John C. Mapp, Rosey the wife of Jeptha Johnson, Robert James, Ann Jacob, Peggy Savage, and one grand child Margaret James the wife of John L. James who is the only child of his deceased son Wm. James. The said Robert James, the half brother of s'd. Michael James has died intestate, leaving the following heirs at Law, viz: his children, Thomas James, & Ainsley Dennis formerly Ainsley James and the following grand children, viz: Wm. Oague, who was the only child of his deceased daughter Susan Oague, formerly Susan James. Also Robert O. James, Abel James, Susan Dowty, the wife of James Dowty, and one great grand child viz Maria Scott, the only child of Maria Scott dec'd; the said Robert O James, Abel James, Susan Dowty and Maria Scott being the only children of Sally James daughter of s'd Robert James, and also the children of Arthur Addison, whose names are unknown to the Court, by his deceased wife, who was another child of said Robert James. The said Peggy Bool has died intestate, leaving three children viz Wm. Addison, Elizabeth Bunting & Robert Addison - the said Robert Addison has since died intestate leaving children whose names are unknow to the Court. The said John Ewing has since died intestate leaving Victor Ewing his only child & heir at Law. The said Elizabeth Savage the half sister of s'd. Michael James is now living.

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Norfolk (City)]

To the Honorable the General Assembly the petition of Michael James Humbly sheweth

that your Petitioner was a Lieutenant in the Navy of the Commonwealth during the late Contest, and served therein untill the end of the War – that He has not receiv'd the commutation allowed for such Service, in lieu of half pay for Life, and as he supposes himself entitled thereto, in common with other Officers who served in different departments, and who have received the same, Your Petitioner prays that your Honorable House may now grant it, and as in duty bound He will pray

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Lieuten. Michael James served upwards [one line illegible] Jas Barron [James Barron VAS1949] Aug't 2 84 Com SN [Commodore State Navy]



The board of Officers which convened on the 13th day of May 1784 to discriminate the officers who were entitled to half pay for life reported Lieutenant Michael James of the Navy as entitled to half pay for serving to the end of the War.

A warrant has heretofore been granted to Michael James for 2666% acres of Land. And his heirs claim 13331/3 acres more.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia in three files.]

Know all men That I James Barron [W12264] do hereby certify and declare that I was intimately acquainted with Michael James deceased late a Captain in the Virginia State Navy during the War of the Revolution, he having lived in my father's family. I do further certify and declare that at an early period of the said war he entered in the naval service of the State of Virginia and continued in her naval service until the final Ratification of the Treaty of Peace in April 1783. After that period Captain James commanded the "Liberty" which belonged to the State of Virginia, and was in the same service with my deceased father, the late Commodore James Barron. Given under my hand this 29th of October 1830 at Gosport in the State of Virginia. James Basson

Witness

Sam'l B. Browne

Michael James Claims 1333 acres additional bounty he having received 2666% acres instead of 4000 acres as a Lieutenant in the State navy.

It appears by the records of the Land office that Warrant No 3375 for 2666% was, on the 3 aug 1783, issued by the State of Virginia to Michael James for 3 years service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy of the Revolution & it does not appear that any other warrant was issued for the said service Wm Selden R L Off [Register of the Land Office]

L off [undeciphered] 21 1832.

1832 May 14 Rejected

If Mr. James was entitled to more than the quantity of land allowed him heretofore why did he not then shew it? It is fair to presume he got all he ought to have had. Rejection advised. [undeciphered signature] 1833 May 20 Rejected J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

To the Honorable Executive of Virginia [26 Aug 1835]

The petition of Michael Savage, Susan Wescot, Robert Rogers, James Rogers, Edward Rogers, & Jane Rogers, Margaret James, Peggy Savage, Ann Jacob, Robert James, Rosey Johnson, Cassandra Mapp, Elizabeth Poulson, John C Mapp, William W. Mapp, Alfred R H. Mapp, Robert James, Abel James, Susan Douty, Maria Scott, Elizabeth J Addison, William Addison, Ansley Dennis, John Savage, George Savage, Elizabeth M Bunting, William Addison, Victor Ewing, Margaret Addison, respectfully represents that they are heirs at law & Legal representatives of Michael James dec'd who was a Lieutenant in the Va. State Navy during the war of the revolution. That in August 1784 a warrant issued to him for his services as such for 26662/3 acres of Bounty Land as appears by the certificate of the register herewith filed marked A. Your petitioners further show that the said Michael James was reported by a board of officers that convened in 1784 as being entitled to ½ pay, as will appear by referring to document, Report 191, page 59 of the 1st Session of 22d Congress – & consequently that he was in service to the end of the war. They further present that they as the heirs of said James are entitled to the difference between 26662/3 acres of Land & 4000 acres, the last named quantum being the land bounty due to a Lieutenant in the navy.

Your petitioners further represent that in 1833 they surrendered the said warrant for 2666½ [sic] acres and obtained exchange warrants therefor, which exchange warrants have, with the exception of a small portion been converted into scrip.

Your petitioners pray that the Hon'ble Executive will grant unto them the difference between 2666% acres and 4000 acres to which the said James was entitled for his services as a Lieutenant in the Va. State Navy.

1836 Aug 26 Rejected