

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Cunningham S16746 VA
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State of Missouri } In the County Court
County of St Francois } May Term (May 7th 1833

On the seventh day of May in the year 1833 as aforesaid personally appeared in open court James Cunningham a resident of the county and state aforesaid, before William Murphy presiding Justice and Thomas Hale & George W Robinson, Justices holding said court; said Cunningham aged seventy seven years last January, who being 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 7th 1832 towit. That in august 1775 he entered the service as a volunteer in a militia company commanded by Capt. Russel & Lieutenant Bowen and continued, therein about five months guarding the western frontier of Virginia against the Indians. and that in May the fulowing year he was called into service to guard said frontier and continued to served in a malitia company commanded by Capt John Campbell & Lieutenant Arthur Bowen [of Washington County VA] about seven months, that within which time the militia had an engagement with the Indians at Long Island on Holston River [Battle of Island Flats near present Kingsport TN, 20 Jul 1776] in which the Indians were defeated. Some time in the latter part of said year he belonged to a detachment of militia commanded by Col. William Christy [William Christian] & served in a company of which Daniel Smith was Capt Wm Bowen [William Bowen] was Lieutenant and further that in the fall of the year 1780 he was employed as a waggoner by a militia officer whose name nor title is not now by him recollected to haul lead from Chessels mines [sic: mines at Fort Chiswell] in Virginia to General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army then [Dec 1780 - Apr 1781] stationed in North Carolina that said lead was by him delivered to Joseph Marberry [sic: Joseph Marberry] Deputy Quarter Master General at Sallsbury [sic: Salisbury] in said state that owing to the lead not being ready when applied for he was about five months in compleating said service for which he never received any compensation whatever. And he the said Cuningham does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the offices of any state. subscribed and sworn to in open court May 7 1833 [signed] James Cunningham

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, James Cunningham who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith. by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades. For Twelve months I served as a private Soldier – that is to say. For five months I served in a Militia company commanded by Capt Russell & Lieutenant Bowen guarding the western frontier of Virginia against the Indians in the year 1775.

In the year 1776 I served one month in a company commanded by Capt John Campbell & Lieutenant Arther Bowen as a ranger – when the army began to collect, I was attached to Capt Daniel Smiths company, in which company I served, four months during this tour we marched against the Cherokee Indians. I also served five months as a waggoner, hauling lead from Chisels mines in virginia to Gen'l Greens army then stationed in North Carolina and for such services I claim a pension Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7 day of May 1833 [signed] James Cunningham