Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jemison [Jameson, Jamison, etc.]S36623 f18VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/18/13

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On the 8th day of December in the year 1819 before me the subscriber a judge of the General Court and one of the Circuit Judges of the State of Kentucky personally appeared John Jemison a resident of Bourbon County and State aforesaid aged about sixty-seven years, and being duly sworn made the following declaration and statement pursuant to an Act of Congress approved the 18 March 1818 – to wit,

That he was enlisted a soldier in the Continental Army on the 16 October 1775 in the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia, and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Matthew Arbuckle, and the 12th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Neville – that said term of enlistment was for one year, which time he faithfully served to the end and was honorably discharged, and received his discharge from the hands of Captain Arbuckle, which discharge he has lost, and can produce no other evidence of his services except what hereafter follows. That he is very indigent, has no estate and no other means of support except his labor – and is verily in such indigent Circumstances as to require the aid of his country as now provided by law.

Sworn to before the date first aforesaid.

S/B. Mills

Also at the same time and place came before me David Jamison¹ aged about sixty-three years, and he being sworn according to law to testify the truth with regard to the of form named applicant John Jemison, did depose and say, that on the 9th of October 1775 he enlisted in the Company of Captain Arbuckle and the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville, and that he knows of his own knowledge that the above named applicant John Jemison was enlisted into the same company and Regiment a few days after this affiant, & that he continued to serve one whole year therein, and was then honorably discharged therefrom, and during said year the said applicant was the messmate of this affiant. Sworn to before me the date first aforesaid

S/B. Mills

A Schedule containing the whole estate and income (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) of John Jemison of Bourbon County a revolutionary claimant on the Pension list roll, Kentucky agency –

One mare about 24 years old, and about 15 hands and one half high –

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¹ David Jameson S31167

One other may or 12 years old, about 14 hands 1 inch high – one cow with a calf of this year, the cow about 9 years old –

One heifer 2 years old tolerably promising of her age

One yearling heifer promising of her age

One yearling steer small of his age

One cupboard which I purchased for \$7 with some little necessities within it, and in housekeeping

One Eight gallon bottle – one \$6 pot

One four gallon do – and a common sized oven, nearly all injured by cracks and pieces broken out

One tin bucket – a wooden bucket – & two small pails

One old set of tools for turning would nearly worn out & useless

One shovel plow – and a pair of old chain traces

One small table – a wire sifter

\$9 and a half due to him for labor not long since performed by him

One half dozen split bottom chairs

A small crop of corn now growing on rented land – one washing tub

His family consist of himself and wife & grandson who lives with him; 3 other children who does not live with him but with a married sister. He is indebted to others about \$40 for the rent of his house and other necessary things. He himself is unable to labor except very little by old age and debility.

John Jonnison

Stated & District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 17th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record in and for the Circuit & County of Bourbon, State in District aforesaid John Jemison aged sixty-eight years resident in Bourbon County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, in Matthew Arbuckle's Company of the 12 Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, for one year, as contained in his original declaration now on file in the Department of War dated on the 8 December 1819 – on which he has received a pension certificate dated one July 1820 – No. 17580; And he did solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and preceding this statement.

S/ John Jemison

[The court valued the scheduled property as being valued at \$80.90]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 8, 1819, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental service.]