

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Applications of Nicholas Cyre and James Davidson W5064      Jane Cyre      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia    } S.S.  
Campbell County    }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell Nicholas Cyre a resident of the county of Campbell and State of Virginia, aged about 73 or 74 years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778 or 79 with Capt. Archer Logwood [probably Archibald Logwood], in Chesterfield County Va for 18 months in the Continental line and served in the \_\_\_ reg't. of the \_\_\_\_ line under the following named Officers. My place of rendezvous was in the City of Richmond on Shockoe Hill. There I was attached to Capt. \_\_\_\_ Bookers [probably Samuel Booker's] Company and marched from that place to within about Twenty Miles of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania. we were then halted and I was then attach'd to Capt. \_\_\_\_ Howards company in the Reg't. that was commanded by Colo. Richard Parker the No. of the Reg't. I do not recollect [1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment of Foot] but Colo. [Samuel] Hopkins was Lieut. Colo. to said regt – my Lieut. to Capt Howards Company was James Selden, but my Ensigns name and other officers belonging to said Regt. I do not recollect. I then was marched from thence back to Petersburg in Va and from thence I was marched to Augusta Town in Georgia, and from thence we marched to Savannah Town and there had an engagement with the British but had to retreat [Siege of Savannah, 16 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] – we then marched back to Augusta town and there we remained through the Winter, and in the Spring we were marched to Charlestown in South Carolina, at which place there was a battle fought between the British and our troops [sic: Siege of Charleston, 29 Mar - 12 May 1780] in which the British succeeded and my Colo. Richard Parker got killed at said place, the British took the Town and all the troops except those who were on Picket guard in the country round about said Place, myself being one of said guard, I was then marched to Chesterfield Court House, Va. and there put under Colo. William Davis [sic: William Davies] who was then commander in chief of said Court House and there I recv'd. my discharge from Colo. William Davis, for my eighteen months tour of Duty which discharge was lost or misplaced – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

Nicholas hisXmark Cyre

Questions 1<sup>st</sup> by the Court.

Where and in what Place were you born?

Ans'wr In chesterfield county Virginia

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Ans'wr I have no record of my age and know nothing of it but what I am told by my connection.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans'wr I lived in Chesterfield County Va when I enlisted and after that I moved into Campbell County Va where I now live – say soon after the siege at York Town [ended 19 Oct 1781] I moved into the said county of Campbell and have lived there ever since.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Ans'wr I enlisted to clear a district [i.e. enlisted in order to avoid the draft of a militiaman from the

district]

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans'wr I enlisted under Capt Archer Logwood, was put under Capt Booker, my Liut. name was James Selden, my commanding Colo. was Richard Parker, my Lieut. Colo. was \_\_\_\_ Hopkins and as to the name of any other officers I do not recollect except Colo. \_\_\_\_ Blans [sic: Theodorick Bland's] Troop of Light Horse and as far as I know of my marching &c. is stated in my declaration

Question 6<sup>th</sup> by the court. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Ans'wr I received a discharge from Colo. Wm Davis for my eighteen months service which discharge is lost or misplaced.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> By the court State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans'wr By Colo. Robert Strange and Capt. William Thompson Jr and others if necessary

State of Virginia, Campbell County S. S.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1844, before me Henry J. Brown a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Jane Cyre, a resident of said County, Aged 83 years – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, and the Act explanatory of said Act, passed March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837:

That she was married to James Davidson a soldier in the Revolutionary war in the year 1779 – the same person who performed Two tours of service in the Malitia, after he was married to declarant from the then County of Bedford. The first of which tours of service he performed under Captain [Robert] Watkins, and was marched to the South, and was at what was called Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and was gone 5 or 6 months from home before he returned; which was the spring of the next year and summer, after declarant and said James Davidson was married as aforesaid. The next tour that her husband performed, was the spring and summer after the first tour at the South again under Capt Adam Clements at a place called 96 in one of the Carolinas [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and was from home 4 months or more, it being corn planting time when he left home, and returned about August. She thinks he was gone longer the first time than the last – she reckons about 9 months in both tours.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Davidson in Febuary 1779; that her husband, the aforesaid James Davidson died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1818 – that she was afterwards married to Nicholas Cyre, a U. S pensioner in May 1819 – and who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836; and that her maiden name was Cockrane, and that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

Jane herXmark Cyre

State of Virginia, Bedford County S S

On this 26 day of March 1844, before me Paschal Buford a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, personally appeared Samuel Davidson, a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 77 years old and was well acquainted with James Davidson during the Revolutionary war – the same person who was married to Miss Jane Cockrane during the Revo'y. war in the month of Febuary 1779 – it being the year before he served his first tour in the malitia in and during the Revolutionary war, in the Summer of 1780 – under Capt Robt. Watkins at

Campden S.C. Gates' defeat so called. Said Jas. Davidson being then a married man as aforesaid.

That the first tour that said Jas. Davidson serv'd was from the then County of Bedford Va under said Cap. Ro. Watkins leaving their place of rendezvous in April or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and marched to the South under said Captain and was in service at the Battle of said Gates defeat, which was in August 1780 – and that said Jas. Davidson, was regularly discharged, and returned home in September or October following, after the Battle as aforesaid. That the second tour, that said Jas. Davidson served in the Rev'o'y war was from said County again and under Capt Adam Clements, principal part of which time was at the Siege of 96, in S. Carolina – it being the summer after his aforesaid tour at Gates defeat – that on that occasion the company to which he belonged left Bedford about the first of April 1781, or corn planting time, and served out his tour, was regularly discharged, and returned home in the month of July, or early part of August – corn being large enough to lay aside working; which said term was at least 3 months or more – making in all 8 or 9 months service, which the said Jas. Davidson performed during the Rev'o'y war after he was married as aforesaid. That said Jas. Davidson died in the County of Campbell just after the last war, or 1816, or 1817 and that his widow Jane Davidson in a few years after was married to Nicholas Cyre, a Revolutionary soldier also who was a pensioner before he died; and that deponant has understood, that his widow is still alive and single.

That at the time said Jas. Davidson served his first tour, deponant was between 13 and 14 years old and knew when he left home and when he returned in both tours – and also recollects when he was married to the aforesaid Jane Cockrane at New London, the then Court-house of Bedford Co. by the Rev'd. Jno. Hall of the church of England.

Samuel hisXmark Davidson

In presence of/ Thos Davidson

#### NOTES:

On 10 Sep 1832 Bartholomew Cyrus (pension application W25467) certified the service of Nicholas "Cyrus." A letter from the Auditor of Virginia dated 2 April 1833 indicates that an "army Register" listed a Nicholas Cyrus, who may have been the same soldier as Nicholas Cyre.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 6 Feb 1779 in Bedford County by James Davidson, Jr. and James Davidson, Sr. for the marriage of James Davidson, Jr. to Jane Cockrane. Although the names are spelled Davidson in the text of the marriage bond, the signatures as copied are both spelled "James Davisson."

A letter from Polly Turner of Lynchburg dated 3 April 1847 informed the Pension Office that her mother, Jane Cyre, died on 19 Oct 1846.