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Yelton, James
Yelton

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1933
Kentucky

James Yelton

Resident in the State of Kentucky
was appointed in the company of
Captain Primrose of the regt. commanded
by Col. Phillips in the King's
service from 1776

Date of death
not given

Resided in the State of Kentucky
at the rate of 80 Dollars per annum
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension filed the 26 day of August
1833 and paid to W. R.
Mr. Johnson Great Camp

Amount in the List of March 1833 \$160
Pension allowance ending 4 Sep 40

\$ 200

Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by *W. Allison* Clerk,

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State of Kentucky Feb
Pendleton County

On this 15th day of August 1838
personally appeared before M. W. Drake
a Justice of the Peace in and for the
county of Pendleton James Yettor a resi-
-dent of Pendleton county and State of Kentucky
aged eighty five 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
7th 1830. That by reason of old age,
infirmities of body and the consequent loss
of memory he cannot swear positively
as to the precise length or exact periods
of his service, but according to the best of his
recollection he served not less than the
periods hereafter mentioned as a private
soldier in the Militia of Virginia
and that he now resides about fifteen miles
from ~~Halimant~~ the county seat of Pendleton
and owing to the infirmities of body, old
age and the loss of his eye sight to
such a degree as to make it difficult
for him to find the road unless it be
one with which he is well acquainted
with he cannot without great
inconvenience and danger ^{appear at and} ~~to~~ open
court to make and swear to this
his declaration In the year 1775 this

declarant then a resident of the County of Stafford and State of Virginia was drafted into the Service of the United States as a Militia man and was from that time (say about the middle of 5^o year) until the close of the Revolutionary war held to Militia duty and to be ready to march at a moment's warning to any point to which he was ordered and all the Militias of that part of Virginia was so held to duty and was usually called minute men and when there was any sudden call for them they were called for and if they were wanting for a longer time than about thirty days there would be a selection by draft for so many as was wanting out of the whole who would have to serve some times for three or four times for six months this declarant does not think that he served in camp for any time in the first year say 1775 but in all the years which succeeded up to and during the year 1781 say he was thus held to duty six years and a half during which time he does believe that he performed Militia ^{duty} in camp and attended the orders of regularly appointed officers at least five months per year and in the whole time that he performed duty as aforesaid not less than two years and six months he has no doubt but that he served a longer period but will in order to be within rather than over the time

for his service at the time aforesaid, as before
stated he cannot fix the particular periods
of his tours of service either as to the particular
months or year except that his actual
service commenced in the year 1776 and
closed with the year 1781, or in the begin-
ning of the year 1782, or at least about that
time his service usually consisted in marching
out whenever called by his officers which was
when the English would ascend the Potomac
-march River the Militia would then be called
and they would be kept stationed along
said River and marching up and down
its shores watching the enemies movements
ready to oppose them should they attempt
to land, as also when the enemy would
be expected to cross the country to commit
depravations and the period of service on
such occasions would depend upon the stay
of the enemy in the country or the appre-
-hension of danger from them these services
were so much of a sameness that owing to
the ~~effect~~ ^{state} of memory as aforesaid he cannot
but few of the incidents attending said service
that would relate a few of them of which he
has a distinct recollection stating at the
same time that he was called on and did
serve several times in each of the years
1776. 1777. 1778. 1779. 1780. ~~1780~~ 1781 but
his recollection of his various tours are rather
confused he spreads ~~out~~ ^{stretches} of them the
first tour of which he has a distinct recol-
-lection was soon after ~~the~~ about the time

of the declaration of Independence the enemy
had appeared the Potomac and the Militia
was called out and he marched with the company
~~to which~~ he belonged which was commanded
by Captain John James Lieutenant John
Edward Ensign not recollects and although
he has a recollection of the persons of his Major
and Colonel yet he cannot call to his
recollection their names he on this occasion
marched to the house of one Brent which
was on the Potomac River and burnt
by the enemy the house being burnt before
~~it was~~ set on fire so that it could
not be saved he with the other Militia
marched still lower down the river to a
farm called Marlborough where he remained
some time he was out this time at least
three months there was other Militia with
him but he does not recollect any thing
particular about them except that they
like himself belonged to Virginia The next
place that he has a recollection of having
been stationed was at a place called the
base pen for on the Rappahannock River
a short distance above Fredericksburgh
Virginia he remained at this place and
moving about from one place to another
not up them three months his Captain
this tour was James Primm his Lieutenant
and Ensign not recollects there was several
Captains and their companies with him
but he does not recollect the names of
the officers or any thing worth stating about

the soldiers, the field officers not recollected
~~either~~ the troops on this occasion was called
together in consequence of a report that Talton
and his light horse troops was coming
to lay waste the country but Talton did
not make his appearance. The next at
which he was stationed was at Fredericks-
burgh Virginia he was called at this time
to guard a number of prisoners of War
and after remaining a short time at
Fredericksburgh they were removed to
Manchester Virginia and he went along
and when there guarded them until
the militia of the neighbourhood could
be called out and organized which
made this tour at least four or five
months he was under the command at
this time of Captain Primms the Lieutenant
D Ensign not recollected the Colonel was
Williams Philips no other field officers
recollected there was several companies
in company but their officers except the
mentioned not recollected he was called
out into the service when arrangements were
making to invest Lord Corn Waller and
remained out some time but before
he arrived at Little York his younger
brother took his place and went on
as this declarant's family was in a
condition that demanded his presence
the above are all the minute details that

this declarant can in consequence of his loss of memory make yet he will again repeat that he served many other towers of service but he cannot recollect them so distinctly as to be able to give a correct account of them nor can he say what particular year any of those things which he has described was in but does know that they were performed during the Revolutionary war and now again repeats that to the best of his recollection and belief that he did average for six years at least five months per year as aforesaid and in all did serve in camp and under orders two years and six months and was regularly each time called out according to Law he does not recollect that did he ever know the number or name of the Regiment to which he belonged unless the name of it was the Stafford Regiment which was the name now usually called it when speaking of it to distinguish it from others he does not recollect particularly any continental or regular troops ^{with} which he served but was frequently with other troops the times at this time not recollect except that he does recollect that he was a short time near the French troops as they passed onto Little York and supposes that the reason of his recollecting them is that their Military equipment was so splendid and so far excelled any thing of the King which he had ever seen

that their appearance made a more
lasting impression on his mind than
any other troops he was with or near
He does not recollect any thing of consequence
in relation to any of the continental or
regular officers he may have been with
Some of them but does not now recollect
to he does see generals Washington,
Sturges and a Lay Fayette but does not
recollect to have served in company with
any of them but supposes that for a
while that his officers received orders from
Lay Fayette He was born some time in
the beginning of the year 1748. This month
or day not recollects He knows his only
by reference to the age of one of his elder
brothers named Charles Getton who is long
since dead but whose age is registered in
an old bible now in the possession of
his descendants the difference of the age of
his brother and himself being recollects
~~He has no records of his age there was one~~
He has no records of his age there was one
in an old bible of his Father's but it has
been destroyed by time He was born in
Stafford county Virginia and resided
in the same county in a State until
the fall of the year 1785 when he removed
to Charlotte county same State and there
resided until the fall of the year 1803
when he removed to Swain county State
of North Carolina and resided there until

The Spring season of the year 1819 when he removed to the State of Kentucky and in the fall season of said last year he settled in the county of Pendleton and State of Kentucky where he now resides and has resided ever since. He has no record evidenced of his services and does not recollect that he ever received any discharge from the service in writing but thinks that he was always discharged by word of mouth. If however he ever ever received any discharge in writing he has lost or destroyed it and does not recollect it.

He does not know of any living persons by whom he can prove his services except that Elizabeth Stensons his sister in law and William Gjetton this declarant's brother both of whom can speak as to a part but neither of them can speak as to all of their own ^{knowledge} his sister in law however can speak as to general terms as to the length of time this declarant was absent from home for the purpose of serving she having lived at that time in the family of this declarant. In all the services this declarant performed there was a private soldier. He refers to Mr. George Taylor and Charles Tucker his neighbours who will state what they consider as a man of truth and as to the general belief of the neighbours as to his being a revolutionary soldier there

being no Clergymans residing in his neighbour-
hood whose attendance he can procure with-
out great difficulty such as he cannot
encounter owing to his infirmities

He hereby relinquishes every claim what-
ever to a pension or annuity except the
present and declares that his name is
not on the pension Roll of the agency of
State or Territory

Sworn to and Subscribed } James ^{his} Yetton
The day and year aforesaid } mark

I William Yetton a younger brother of the
above applicant and at this time a pensioner
under the Law of 1818 and 1820 Do hereby
certify that I believe him to be 85 years of
age and that although I have not as
knowledge of all the services of the aforesaid
James Yetton yet I do know that he was
out as he states several times and do
further believe from the many times that
he left home to go on to the service
and the general report of his services
at the time in the neighbourhood where
we then lived that he did serve at
least the time which is set forth in
his declaration to which ^{he has} sworn and
Subscribed } William ^{his} Yetton
Sworn to and Subscribed } mark

I Elizabeth Benson Sister in Law
to James Yetton who has sworn to
Subscribed the above declaration Do hereby
certify that although I cannot speak as
to the certain time of his service yet I do
believe him 85 years of age and that
I resided in his family during the serv-

strany war and that he was frequently
out in the service and I as verily believe
that he served more than two years and
six months for it then seemed to me that
he was absent nearly half his time
I know his memory to have failed him
very much of late years for he could many
years ago entertain his family with many amu-
-sedotes of the army and tell all about his
officers but of late years he cannot
recollect any thing of the war or anything
else and I know that such is his infirm-
-ities of body and loss of eye sight that he
cannot without great difficulty ^{attend} at
court at Falmouth to make his declaration
sworn to and subscribed Elizabeth ^{his} Benson
the day and date aforesaid
W. W. Drake J. P. 16.

We George Taylor and Charles Tucker
residing in Pendleton county and State
of Kentucky hereby certify that we are
well acquainted with James Nettles who
has subscribed and sworn to the above
declaration; that we believe him to be
85 years of age; that he is reputed
~~to be~~ believed in the neighbourhood where
he resides to have been a soldier of the
Revolution and that we concur in that
opinion and that we believe that he
has experienced such a loss of memory that
he cannot detail with precision any
recurrence long since passed and that
he cannot with out great difficulty
attend court in consequence of his loss
of eye sight and the infirmities of body
sworn to and subscribed ?

April 15, 1938

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Mrs. O. K. Rumbel
Mission
Texas

RA-J/KEL
James Yelton-S. 30810
William Yelton-S. 33753

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of James and William Yelton, soldiers of the Revolutionary War from Virginia, who received pensions while residing in the state of Kentucky.

The records of these soldiers are furnished you herein.

James Yelton
S. 30810

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 30810, based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of James Yelton.

James Yelton was born early in the year 1748, in Stafford County, Virginia. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in said Stafford County, James Yelton enlisted in 1775, as a minuteman and from that time until in 1781 or early in 1782, he served at various times on short tours, being always in readiness to be called at a moment's notice, at least two years in all, as a private under Captains John James and James Primm and Colonel William Phillips in the Virginia troops. The principal service rendered by him was in guarding the shores of the Potomac River.

In 1785, James Yelton moved from Stafford County, Virginia, to Ashurst County, that state, where he lived until the fall of 1803, then moved to Iredell County, North Carolina, and lived until the spring of 1819, when he moved to Kentucky.

*Somehow
Could
not
identify
officer*

James Yelton was allowed pension on his application executed August 15, 1833, while residing about fifteen miles from Falmouth, Pendleton County, Kentucky.

There is no reference to wife or children.

The names of two brothers of the soldier are given, Charles Yelton, an older brother and William, a younger brother. The latter made affidavit in 1833, in Pendleton County, Kentucky, in support of his brother, James Yelton's, claim for pension. The ages of the brothers are not given. In 1833, Elizabeth Hanson lived in Pendleton County, Kentucky, and made affidavit that she was the sister-in-law of James Yelton and lived in his home during the Revolutionary War. She did not give her age.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name and address of person paid and possibly the date of death of the Revolutionary War pensioner, James Yelton (S. 30810), you should address The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data:

James Yelton, Certificate No. 19337, issued August 26, 1833, rate, \$80.00 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1833, Kentucky Agency.

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William Yelton
S. 35753

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 35753, based upon the military service in that war of William Yelton.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of William Yelton are not shown.

William Yelton enlisted in the state of Virginia, sometime in 1781, served as a private in Captain Kirkpatrick's Company, Colonel Darke's 4th Virginia Regiment, was at the siege of Yorktown and was discharged in 1783.

Va.

Yetton, James
Yetton

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