

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Cummins VAS1806

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Tazewell County Virginia Legislative Papers

[Note: there are 2 files relating to this veteran in the Tazewell County Legislative Papers. Unfortunately, the images of one of the 2 files are illegibly faint. What follows is the transcript of the contents of one of those files.]

To the Hon. Speaker and Members of both houses of the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of George Cummins an old and infirm revolutionary Soldier humbly Sheweth that your petitioner served in different Campaigns during the revolutionary war, Your Petitioner served in one expedition under Col. Andrew Lewis against the Indians and was in the battle fought at Point Pleasant [October 10, 1774] and also in several other expeditions, in one expedition commanded by Col. William Christy [William Christian] against the Indians and finally enlisted as a regular soldier under Capt. William Long for three years and joined the main Army at Valley Forge and was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] also at the storming of Fowlers Hooks [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] under General Washington from thence proceeded with the main Army to North Carolina and was engaged in the battle fought at Guilford C. House [March 15, 1781] and finally and lastly marched to little York Virginia and remained there in service until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at which place he was discharged and returned home to his family. Your petitioner would further beg leave to state that he is now very old eighty-five years of age and very poor and not able to labor and has no friends or relations able to render him any service he therefore prays the Legislature to take his case into consideration and place your petitioner on the pension list and allow him something for his present relief as he [is] in a great need and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ George Cummins [not his actual signature]

Tazewell County October 1824

[Supporting affidavit given by Edley Maxwell who says he has known the petitioner for 50 years and that the petitioner enlisted in Rockbridge County under Capt. William Long for 3 years and was absent from home at least that amount of time.]

[John Wynn, JP, also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that the petitioner owns property not worth \$1 and is a man of good character.]

George Cummings [sic] Petition for pension

John B George

December 21<sup>st</sup> 1825

Referred to Claims

1825

December 24 Reasonable

26 reported

30 Bill

[A supporting affidavit given by John B George dated January 27, 1825 in which he states he has known the petitioner for some time; that the petitioner resides within 2 miles of the affiant and enjoys a reputation as a sober and industrious man and a man of truth and honesty.]