

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cameron "GA1"[not on file in the National Archives: found in the minutes of the Pike County, Georgia Inferior Court records]

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State of Georgia, Pike County

On this the seventh day of June 1830, personally appeared in open Court, it being the Inferior Court for the County of Pike & State of Georgia, and a court of record, John Cameron, resident in said county aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said John Cameron enlisted for the term of six months, on the twenty sixth or twenty seventh day of September 1786. In the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Henry Dixhon [sic, Henry Dixon] in the Regiment commanded either by Colonel Moore [William Moore] or Colonel Nash [Francis Nash], this deponent not at this time recollecting which of the two was the commanding Colonel at that time. In the line of the state of North Carolina on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until about the twenty sixth or seventh of March 1778 when he was discharged from the service in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina: that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present: that his name is not on the Roll of any State except Georgia: & that the following we [was] the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – First – it has been my misfortune of not knowing how to proceed to obtain a pension, neither could I find any person until the present time that could give me any instructions how to proceed & I being myself entirely illiterate. Secondly until a short time past, I have had sufficient bodily strength to maintain myself by labour And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th of March 1818 & that I have not since that time, by Gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to being myself within the provisions 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 me: nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed:

Schedule of property

107 ½ acres of land in Pike County Georgia

1 mare & colt

13 head of hogs

2 Beds of furniture

4 chairs setting

That since the year 1818 no changes has been made in my property, except one hundred & one acres of land sold by me in 1826

Sworn to & subscribed in the seventh day of June 1830 in open court

S/ H. G. Johnson Clk

S/ John Cameron, C his mark