

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Johann (John) Sensebach (Sensebah) R1675 Catharine Capshaw¹ f13VA
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State of Tennessee County of Blount: SS

On this 22 day of August 1848 personally appeared before me David Caldwell an acting Justice of the Peace and one of the Justices of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Catharine Capshaw a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, and of the act passed August 23rd 1842 amendatory thereof and of the Act of March 3rd, 1843 "granting one year pension to certain widows" and of the Act of June 17th 1844 continuing certain persons on the pension roll for four years longer and of the Act of April 2nd 1848 entitled an Act granting further provision for the surviving widows of Soldiers of the Revolution, that she is the widow of John Sensebah who was a private soldier in the Army of the War of the Revolution, but owing to the infirmities of age and the consequent great loss of memory she is unable to state positively at what time he was drafted but that it was before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], at which she has often heard him say he was present. And she believes that he was drafted in April (1781), and served as a private soldier until sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis, making the term of service between 6 and 7 months, and that when he was discharged he received a Certificate of Service, or discharge which he has often seen which states that he the said John Sensebah had served for six months and that he was honorably discharged. And she further states that she does not recollect, owing to the long lapse of time, what officers he served under, And that he was drafted in Rockbridge County Virginia. And that she knows of no living witness by whom she can prove the service of her husband, And that she has no documentary or other evidence since the loss of his discharge which would prove the said service.

And she further declares that she was married to the aforesaid John Sensebah in Augusta County Virginia on the 26th day of February 1793 and that the enclosed record of her marriage with her husband John Sensebah is correct.

And she further declares that her husband the aforesaid John Sensebah died on the 24th day of June 1820 in Sullivan County Tennessee. And she further declares that after the death of her husband John Sensebah, she was married to Thomas Capshaw on the ___ day of August 1822 and that he died on the ___ day of September 1835 and that she has remained a widow ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ David Caldwell, JP

S/ Catharine Capshaw, X her mark

¹ Former widow