

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Snider R21854

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State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 31st day of August 1819 Before me the Subscriber an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County and State personally appeared John Snider aged eighty-four years Resident in the County of Brown aforesaid and in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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["] that he the said John Snider enlisted for the term of four years on the ___day of May in the year 1779, as well as he recollects, in Winchester in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Rob of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the news of peace came which he believes to be in February 1783 when he was discharged from service in Winchester in the State of Virginia, That he was in the battles of Camden [possibly a reference to the battle known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill or the 2nd battle of Camden April 25, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and at the taking of Cornwallis at little York [October 19, 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jos. N. Campbell, A. J.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled

The Petition of John Snider aged ninety-six years by his next friend and son-in-law William Reeves of the County of Brown and State of Ohio

Respectfully represents unto your honors that on or about the ___day of May 1779 he enlisted as a private soldier for 4 years in Winchester Virginia in the company commanded by Captain ___ Robb in the Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Smith in the Virginia State line – that he continued in said service and performed his duty as a private soldier until the news of peace in 1783 when he received a regular discharge having served three years and nine months – that while in the service he was in the battles at Camden, Eutaw Springs and at the taking of Cornwallis.

He further states that he is mentally deranged very poor and helpless and now is and has been for three years past dependent on his son-in-law William Reeves for support who is also in indigent circumstances. That from the derangement of his mind together with the loss of hearing

he is unable to make the declaration required by the war Department under the Pension act of the 7th June 1832. That on the 31st of August 1819 previous to his derangement & loss of hearing he made application for a pension under the act of 18th of March 1818 which was rejected by the War Department on account of the service having been performed in the State line – he begs leave to refer to said application which is herewith exhibited as part of this petition.

He would therefore prays your honors to grant him a pension payable to his son-in-law William Reeves as trustee (not having a wife or son living) to commence on the 4th of March 1831 and as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

The State of Ohio Brown County: SS

The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the associate judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid William Reeves who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition as of his own knowledge are true and those set forth as from the information of others he believes to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of January 1834

S/ David Johnson, Associate Judge

S/ William Reeves

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Reeves". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.