

Applicant was born in Dinwiddie or Sussex County in Virginia in the year 1759 or 1760. He has no record of his age, his father died when he was very young, and his mother while he was in the revolutionary war – the account of his age he got from his brothers & sisters and believes it to be true. He lived in Dinwiddie county Virginia when called into the service, from which place he moved to Orange county North Carolina shortly after the war, in which county & Chatham county N.C. he lived for about twenty years, from there he moved to Summer County Tennessee where he lived two years, from there to Giles county Tennessee where he lived two years, from there back to Summer County where he lived about two years more, from there to White County Tennessee where he lived about fifteen years, and from there to this (Bledsoe) County where he has lived over eight years and where he still resides

Besides the officers already named he remembers there was a Captain or Col. Kirkpatrick [probably Capt. Abraham Kirkpatrick] in Camp who was a one eyed man. He received one written discharge and has accounted for it as well as he can.

He is known in his present neighbourhood to John Dalton a clergyman and John Bridgman & Joseph McDowel who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

His first term of service was performed as a substitute for Drewry Thrift, for his second term he was enlisted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

John hisXmark Curtis

NOTES:

Under a Virginia law enacted in May 1780, each county whose militia was not already engaged was to recruit or draft one militiaman out of each 15 over age 18 to serve in the Continental army.

A size roll taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists John Curtis/ age 14/ height 5' 5"/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Dinwiddie County/ enlisted as a substitute on 6 June 1782 for 18 months. Sized on 26 June 1782.

On 11 Nov 1833 Wyatt Smith stated that he had heard Drury Thrift say that John Curtis had substituted for him for 18 months, and his brother, Isham Thrift, state that Curtis afterwards enlisted for the duration of the war.

On 13 May 1848 Dolly Curtis, 78, of McMinn County TN, applied for a pension stating that she married John Curtis on 10 Oct 1793, and he died 7 Aug 1844. On 4 Nov 1849 she stated that her oldest child was born in Jan 1796. On 21 July 1848 Wyatt and Margaret Smith, ages 90 and 85, respectively, stated that John Curtis and Dolly Honeycutt were married in Chatham County NC.