

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Finley R3556

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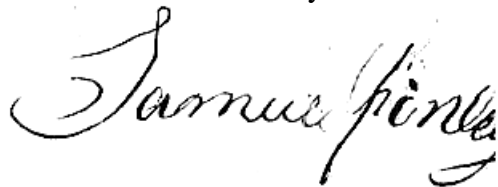
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State of Kentucky Butler County Sct.

On this 12th day of September 1826 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Samuel Finley resident in said County aged 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820 & March 1823, that the said Finley enlisted for the term of during the War about the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Steward in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina the Continental establishment & was then transferred to Colonel Williams of the Virginia line -- That he continued to serve in said corps till the end of the War when he was discharged from said service at 96 [Ninety Six] in the State of South Carolina -- he applied for a pension some years since and his discharge & declaration were sent to the Honorable David Walker a member of Congress from this district, said Walker died & the papers have not been heard of by me since -- he was in the Battles of Camden [either the Battle of Camden, August 15-16 1780 or, more likely, the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] Guilford [March 15, 1781] & many skirmishes

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- my property consist of one cattle one calf & a 2-year-old heifer. I have made no contracts or anything except a few of the necessities of life since the 18th March 1818. I have a wife & five young children from age & infirmity I am unable to do much labor.

S/ Samuel Finley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Finley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical black line.

State of Kentucky Butler County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Samuel Finley of the State & County aforesaid do hereby declare that I enlisted about 1778 or 1779 as well as I can now recollect in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for & during the War & continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Nelson's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong of the line in the State of North Carolina -- And I also declare that I did not received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve passed the 15th May 1778 And I further declare that I never was on the pension list of the United States -- Subscribed & sworn to before me the 15th day of September 1829.

S/ Foster James, JPBC

S/ Samuel Finley, X his mark

Colonel John Porter,¹ James Adams² & Abraham Lindsey³ this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that they all served in the Revolutionary War, that they did not personally know Samuel Finley, who has made the foregoing affidavit, while in the Army of the Revolution but from a multitude of little incidents which the said Finley as related to them & which no man could know but one who served in the Army of the Revolution they do verily believes that the said Finley served in the Army of the Revolutionary War as stated in his foregoing declaration -- And I do hereby certify that the said affiant's all worthy of the greatest credit when on oath -- Given under my hand this 15 day of September 1829.

S/ Foster James, JPBC

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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
16 October 1829

Samuel Finley of ___ in the County of Butler in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain ___'s Company, in the Col. Armstrong's regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he never did received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

¹ Probably the John Porter who filed for a pension while living in Butler County, Ky. [John Porter W26329](#)

² MAY be the James Adams who filed for a pension while living in Warren County, Ky., [James Adams R31.5](#)

³ Probably the Abraham Lindsey who filed for a pension while living in Butler County, Ky. [Abraham Lindsey S36043](#)

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
17th of October 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Samuel Finley is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

The name of Samuel Finley cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
October 17th 1829

the name of Samuel Finley cannot be found on the Records of the North Carolina line on file in this Office , among those who acquired a right to Bounty Land, or, to whom a Land Warrant has issued

S/ Wm Gordon