

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hammons R4544 Martha Hammons f33VA
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State of North Carolina Surry County: This 10th day of September 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law and Courts of equity for this State Personally appeared Joseph Hammons aged sixty-five years resident in the County of Surry State of North Carolina, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 Joseph Hammons enlisted in the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia in the early part of the year but the date not recollected but in the company commanded by Captain __ Bell of 14th Regiment of the Virginia line and that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States for the term of one year and six months and was discharged by Colonel Davidson at Middlebrook. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Monmouth Courthouse [June 28, 1778]. That he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support in further proof of his enlistment &c he tenders the accompanying affidavit of Dennis Laffoon. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Seawell

S/ Joseph Hammons, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Surry County 10th September 1818: This day came before me Michael Franklin a Justice of the peace for County of Surry Dennis Laffoon who after being duly sworn according to law says on his oath that it was a fact of notoriety that Joseph Hammons did enlist in the Service of the United States in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia, that he saw him on his way to join his Corps and knows well when he returned and has no doubt of his having performed the Service as stated in his the said Hammons' affidavit.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Dennis Laffoon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Laffoon", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 3rd day of March 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law for the said State personally appeared Joseph Hammons aged sixty-five years, resident in Surry County in the 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 provision 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 Joseph Hammons enlisted for the term of Eighteen months in the year 1777 in Lunenburg in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Bell of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davidson 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 month of March 1779, when he was discharged from the service in the State of New York – that he was in the battles of Brandywine & Monmouth Court House 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 services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Paxton, Judge

S/ Joseph Hammons, X his mark

State of North Carolina Surry County: August Term 1820

On this the 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being enacted he Court of Record by the laws of the State and opened and held as such this day for the County of Surry Joseph Hammons aged about 67 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration viz. that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted under Captain Bell of the 14th Regiment of Virginia Troops in Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia for the term of 18 Months that he continued in said Regiment or in the service of the United States till he was discharged at Middlebrook in Pennsylvania that he was in the battle of Brandywine and Monmouth Court House all which he presumes has appeared to the Secretary of War as he has obtained a certificate of pension dated 26th of March 1819 No. 8674. His first declaration was dated 10th September 1818.

And 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 in any manner whatever 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

This declarant further states that he has one old horse creature and a colt worth \$40, one ax worth \$1.00, two hoes worth \$1.50; that he pays taxes for about thirty-five acres of land, but yet owes part of the purchase money to the amount of \$40 having paid about \$42 and the title yet remains in the other party so that he does not consider himself fairly possessed of the land – that he is about 67 years old and so infirm that he is not able to support himself by manual Labor that he has four children all of whom are married and living to themselves.

Sworn to and declared on the 16th day of August 1820.

S/ Joseph Hammons, X his mark

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Schedule of property belonging to Joseph Hammons of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina viz.

one old horse creature and colt	\$40	\$40.00
one ax and 2 hoes	\$2.50	2.50
about 35 acres of land but under the encumbrance mentioned in the annexed declaration, and if valued not worth more than \$35		<u>35.00</u>
Total		\$97.50

sworn to in open court

S/ Joseph Hammons, X his mark

Test: S/ J. Williams, CC

[p 9: On February 28, 1845 in Monroe County Indiana, Martha Hammons, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Hammons, revolutionary war pensioner which pension was granted to him when he lived in Surry County North Carolina; that she was Martha Lantrum before she married Joseph Hammons which marriage was solemnized by Parson Craig in Lunenburg County Virginia (date left a blank); that her husband died in Surry County April 19th, year not recollected; that she has no proof of her marriage; that she was married about ___ years before the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; she believes that her husband served a tour of 6 or 18 months after their marriage; that she immigrated to the state of Indiana with her daughter Martha and son-in-law John Collins 5 years past; that she and her husband had the following children: James, Elizabeth, William and Martha. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On February 28, 1845 in Monroe County Indiana, Martha Collins gave testimony that she is aged 54 years; that she is the daughter of Martha and Joseph Hammons; that her father died in North Carolina in Surry County April 19th year not recollected; that she and her husband John Collins moved to Indiana 5 years past from Surry County North Carolina; that her parents had the following children James who when last heard from resided in Giles County Virginia, Elizabeth who married John Bryant when last heard of was a resident of Kentucky, William when last heard of resided in Maury County Tennessee and Martha Collins of Monroe County Indiana. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: in a typed summary of the contents of this file the statement is made that the veteran died in Surry County North Carolina April 19, 1829; that Martha and John Collins were married March 31, year not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 10, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]