

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Biggs R831

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State of Virginia } Ss
County of Brooke }

Be it known that before the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Biggs formerly of the county of Ohio and State of Virginia, but now of the county of Belmont, in the state of Ohio, who after being duly sworn according to Law deposes and says that he is a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Virginia Agency, and has been such since the 29th day of June 1796. That the said pension was granted on account of wounds received from the enemy (Indians) whilst deponent commanded a detachment of Virginia rangers, as Ensign Commandant, at a Block House, or Station, on the west side of the Ohio river, nearly opposite to Wheeling. That deponent has regularly received his pension at the city of Richmond, and that his certificate obtained from the Honorable James M'Henry, then Secretary of War, dated 29th day of June 1796, has been for some time lost, or mislaid. Deponent therefore respectfully prays the Honorable the Secretary of War, to renew his said certificate so that he may hereafter be entitled to receive his pension
Sworn and subscribed the 24th day of March 1825 [signed] Joseph Biggs
The renewed certificate will oblige Mr. Biggs, by being transferred from the roll of the Virginia to that of the Ohio agency. [signed] Joseph Biggs

State of Ohio County of Belmont SS.

On this twenty ninth day of December 1825, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Belmont personally appeared Joseph Biggs who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain William McMachan in the regiment commanded by Colonel Benj'n Biggs [Benjamin Biggs] in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the state (district, or territory,) of Ohio Belmont County where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future. [signed] Joseph Biggs

NOTE: On 12 Oct 1840 Mary Biggs, 70, of Marshall County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Biggs on 14 Jan 1794, and he died 1 Feb 1833. The pension act under which she applied covered only widows who were married prior to 1 Jan 1794.