

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Snelling R9899

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The State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

On this 22nd day of June 1836 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in Decatur County Indiana William Snellen [sic] aged Seventy-six years old the 17th day of March last – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and as here in after stated to wit That he was drafted as a militia man sometime in April in the year 1777 for six months in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia – in the Company commanded by Captain Davis that he entered into the service of the United States and marched with Captain Davis from said County in the State of Virginia to Leesburg, that he was at Leesburg for the space of six months at the Hospital afflicted with the smallpox – that all of the Company were then afflicted with the same disease except one or 2 – that he remained there until the fall and was then discharged by Captain Davis and returned home, that he was drafted for the purpose to fill up some deficit in some Regiment in the northern Army, he thinks and believes it was the third Regiment does not recollect any of the Commanding officers that belonged to said Regiment, the whole company being taken or afflicted at Leesburg with the smallpox, and remained there for six months unable to march and join the said Regiment – render him unable to say who the field officers were that he was out the full term of six months in person as above stated and should of marched & joined the 3rd Regiment had the company not of been afflicted as aforesaid at Leesburg and unable to march any further.

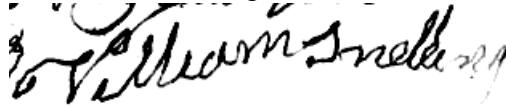
That he was drafted as a militia man again in the County of Fauquier in the state of Virginia sometime in April in the year 1779 that he was commanded by and belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Augustine Smith was drafted for the space of nine months, that he marched in said Company under the command of Captain Smith through Culpeper County, & Orange County in Virginia to Albamar [Albemarle] Barracks where he remained about four days guarding some of the British prisoners he believes they were Burgoyne's men until Cornwallis arrived with his Army and on the appearance of Cornwallis' Army they left the barracks and that they were then reconnoitering the Country, being pursued by the enemy for some 3 or 4 weeks, until they fell in with General Washington's Army about 60 miles from Albamar Barracks that he cannot recollect what Country they were in when he fell in with Washington's Army, that he was attached during the last services aforesaid to the Regiment commanded by General Lafayette and Major Decluman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] does not recollect his Colonel name, does not recollect the number of the Regiment, that after they fell in with Washington's Army, that the Enemy marched towards York and they followed the enemy there – that they cannonaded a few days there and Cornwallis surrendered to General

Washington [October 19, 1781], that he remained there a few days and marched from thence to Winchester with the British prisoners and remained there some time, and was discharged in the fall of the year of 1779, that he served the full term of six months in person that all of these services were performed by him in person, that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he does not know of any person by whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, that he cannot recollect all the officers and a variety of other circumstances from a failure of his memory occasioned by old age and disease, which he has been afflicted with for six or seven years, that he was born in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, and resided there when he entered the service as aforesaid in said County & State aforesaid and remained there until the year 1790 and removed from there to the State of Kentucky in Fayette County where he resided until sometime in the year 1822 when he removed to the State of Indiana in Decatur County where he now resides and has since the year 1822, that he has no record of his age. That he has no written discharge from his services, that he never had any commission, that he is acquainted with Daniel Lewis & James Hobbs his neighbors.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Snelling

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Snelling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ William Snelling".

[James Hobbs, a clergyman, and Daniel Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]