

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Snider R9901

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The State of Ohio County of Champaign: SS

On this 31st day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the court of common pleas of the County of Champaign aforesaid John Snider a resident of Mad River Township in said County of Champaign aged eighty-four years on the 1st day of September last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted to serve in the militia of the United States in the month of July he thinks in the year 1780. He was drafted for six months and accordingly he entered the service of the United States in the Militia, sometime in the latter part of the month of July in the year 178_. At the time he was drafted and entered the service he resided in Shenadoah [Shenandoah] County in the State of Virginia. He was first marched to Winchester in Virginia where he remained during his term of six months in the barracks assisting to guard the Hessians and British prisoners who had been sent there for safekeeping. He thinks his Captain's name was Martin All. He does not remember the name of any other officers. He was not engaged in any battle during this term of service. He was constantly employed in the service at and near Winchester until after Christmas of the same year he entered the service when his term expired and he returned home to his residence in Shanadoa [Shenandoah] County. But he cannot recollect the precise time of his leaving the service. He assumes it was not long after Christmas. He remembers to have seen General Morgan at the Barracks at Winchester. He cannot recollect any other officers of the regular Army.

Again in the next year he was drafted for three months and left his residence in Shanadoa [Shenandoah] County in Virginia and entered the service in the month of September, but what time in the month he cannot recollect. He was marched towards Cornwallis' Army which was then in the lower part of Virginia, but before he arrived at Yorktown Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781], and on receiving this information, he was discharged and returned home. During this last service he was commanded by Captain Roach. He does not remember the name of any other officer. He cannot remember the precise time of entering or leaving the service in this last tour, but he believes he was in the service at least one month. He does not remember to have received any discharge other than a verbal one. During the last term, his time was spent in marching to and from the direction of Cornwallis' Army and he had arrived several miles below Fredericktown [Fredericksburg] when he heard of the surrender of Cornwallis.

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 any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

1st. I was born in the year 1750 in the State of Pennsylvania about 8 miles from Philadelphia.

2nd. He has no record of his age.

3rd. He was living in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia when called into service. He removed from Virginia to South Carolina soon after the war. He lived about 6 years and Carolina, then moved to Greenbrier County Virginia from thence he moved to where he now lives in Mad River Township Champaign County, Ohio about 33 years ago.

4th. He was drafted into the Service.

5th. He cannot state the names of other officers than those mentioned in the body of his declaration. He was not with the regular Army nor did he marched much distance over the Country. He is very much enfeebled by age. He is almost entirely blind and then nearly blind for about 3 years and his memory has almost entirely failed so that he cannot recollect the circumstances of his service with any particularity.

6. He has no recollection of ever having received a discharge in writing.

7. He is acquainted with the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution (viz.) William Runkle, Henry Pence, Daniel Beaver and many others. And this applicant further makes oath and says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for 6 months I served as a private soldier in the militia of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war for which service I claim a pension.

S/ John Snider, X his mark

[Daniel Beaver, a clergyman, and Francis Cantz gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Ohio Shelby County: SS

On this 25th day of October A.D. 1836 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid now sitting John Snider a resident of Salem Township in the County of Shelby aged eighty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law makes on his oath 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 served as herein stated. Declarant states that he has no record of his age but knows from the information of his father that he was 3 years old at the time of General Braddock's defeat July 9, 1755]. That at the time he entered the service he lived in Virginia in the County of Shenandoah that he was 24 years of age when he entered the service that he was drafted in the militia of Virginia under Colonel Rader [?] and Captain Martin all [sic] Soon after harvest and as he believes about the 1st of August A.D. 1776 to serve at the barracks at Winchester Virginia that Colonel Rinker [?] Comanded at the barracks and declarant states that he served out his term of 6 months the time for which he was drafted at the barracks. Declarant states that the prisoners who were taken at the battle of Bunkers hill were under guard at the barracks during his term of service there. Declarant states that he lived 14 years after his service in Shenandoah County Virginia Moved thence to North Carolina there six years then moved back to Virginia lived there six years thence moved to Gallia County of Ohio lived there [word written over and illegible] years thence to Champaign County of Ohio lived there sixteen years and has lived in Shelby County 4 months that he has lost his discharge and has no documentary evidence by which to establish his claim and that he knows of no person except Henry Pants [Henry Pence] (whose certificate is herewith attached) whose testimony he can procure who can who can testify to his

services. 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.

S/ John Snider, X his mark

[f p. 15: Affidavit dated October 31, 1834 given in Champaign County of Ohio by Henry Pence of Mad River Township that he is 65 years of age, well recollects that John Snider was a neighbor during the revolutionary war and served in the militia; how long he served the deponent could not say but he well recollects John Snider being drafted and going into service and being a considerable time from home.]