

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Demoss S10558 VA
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District of Kentucky Sct

On this the 21st day of Oct. 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth afs'd. personally appeared Peter Demoss aged about 66 years resident in Pendleton County and state afs'd 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 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

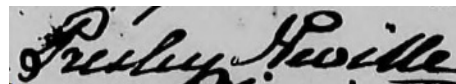
That he the said Peter Demoss enlisted in the said service on the 14th day of August in the year 1775 (as well as he can remember) for the term of one year in the Company then Commanded by Capt John Neville [sic: John Nevill] (at Winchester Va) of the 12th Va Regm't. Commanded then by Col. James Wood of the Continental line and at the end of the said term of one year he reenlisted at Pittsburg [sic: Pittsburgh] again and Continued in Service during the War or least untill the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] at that time being absent on furlough and being on his return to the army was met by the Army and was again permitted to return home which was the reason he never applied for a written discharge, that he served as afs'd. but was in no Battle during the time except at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support

"Neville" State of Ohio October the 19th 1818.

This is to certify that as early in the revolution war, as the fall or autumn of seventeen hundred and seventy five Peter Demoss the Bearer hereof enlisted as a private Soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Jno. Neville afterward, Colonel Jno. Neville of the 4th Virginia Regement, that said company marched in Aug. or Sept'r. of 1775 from Winchester in Virginia where they were raised to Pittsburgh at that time under the Jurisdiction of Virginia also, but since ceded to Pennsylv. that this certifier cannot recollect with precision at what time said Peter Demoss left the service of the company in which he first enlisted, but he recollects him perfectly at Valley forge, Montemouth and other places – that in the said in the said[?] company was annexed to the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. James Wood of Winchester in Virginia; that said Peter Demoss whom the certifier knew well from being from the same neighbourhood, was in the service during or nearly during the whole of the War, that he was an orderly & well behaved Soldier; Peter Demoss is upward of 60 years of age, and altho by care & Industry manage to live decently, yet it is owing to Oconomy and Industry that he is enabled to get on – add to this he has an excellent constitution and is subject to no intemperate habits. In short I know man in his situation better entitled to the bounty of his country

Given under my hand as above

Presley Neville an Officer in the Virg'a Line
& Lt. Colo. in the U States [one or two illegible words]



State of Kentucky Sct.

Pendleton Circuit Court, October Term 1820.

On this 19th day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, the same being a court of record by an act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid Peter Demoss, who is now on the Pension Roll (agreeably to 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) aged sixty-eight years, resident in Pendleton County, in the State & Circuit aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz: In the month of August in the year 1775 he enlisted at Winchester, Va. under Capt. John Neville, of the

12th Regiment (in the Virginia line) commanded by Colo. Charles Scott, for during the War and served, as a soldier, until the expiration of the war; but never obtained a regular discharge, owing to neglect and other causes not within his control; he further states that his original declaration (by virtue of which he was placed on the Pension list under the act afs'd) was made in the month of July or October 1818; and that the number of his Pension certificate is 5088: And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, he further states, on oath, that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. Which Schedule is in the words and figures following towit: 345 acres of 3rd rate land, principally poor, rolling & broken; 200 acres of which is not paid for; about 25 acres cleared & nearly worn out by cultivation; One Mare; 12 head of Cattle, including 7 calves and yearlings; seven head of sheep; twenty head of hogs, including 10 shoats & pigs; one plain Cupboard & some cupboard ware; five pieces of Potmettle; one sett of knives & forks & some other articles of household and kitchen furniture of the value, perhaps, of twenty dollars: – necessary bedding and clothing not included in the above schedule: Said Demoss further declared on oath in open court, that he is by occupation a farmer; but that owing to old age & infirmity he is unable to earn a support by manuel labour; and that his family consists of his aged wife, now sixty two years of age, who is also infirm, and one son (Jno. Demoss) of the age of 18 years. Peter Demoss

[The court estimated the value of the property at \$987.]

Revolutionary Claims./ TREASURY DEPARTMENT,/ 10 Dec 1829

Peter Demoss of [blank] in the county of Pendleton 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 Neville's company, in the 12th regiment of the Virginia line; and that he 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 day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d 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./ F. A. Dickens

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,/ THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE,/ 11th December 1829

It further appears that Peter Demoss is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3^d March 1826

The name of Peter Demoss cannot be found among those of the Virginia line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

John Hagner Aud

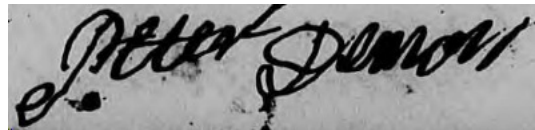
State of Kentucky } SS.
& County of Pendleton }

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before John H. Barker one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County of Pendleton, and State aforesaid Peter Demoss, a resident of the said County, in the State aforesaid, aged Eighty years, 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of August, in the year Seventeen

hundred and Seventy-five, at Winchester, Va. with Captain John Neville, for and during the War and served in the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line, commanded by Colo. Charles Scott, until after the battle of Moanmouth when he was transfered to the waggon master's department, in which service he continued until a short time prior to the capture of lord Corn Wallis, when he received a furlough from Col. Wood, for sixty days, authorizing him to visit his family: He further states that before his furlough had expired, Corn Wallis was captured and the Army was disbanded by proclamation [see endnote], and not being with the army at the time, he received no regular discharge: That shortly after the Army was disbanded he was offered a regular discharge by Capt. Waggener, of Scott's Brigade, (s'd Waggener having succeed Capt. Neville in the command of the company in which he enlisted) [see endnote] but he declined, or rather neglected receiving a regular discharge, under the impression that it would never avail him anything. The said Demoss further states that he was placed on the pension roll under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and has been dropped therefrom on account of property; he, therefore, supposes it to be unnessary to state every particular relative to his services &c as a soldier in the Army aforesaid. – And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency (as a pensioner at this time) in any state: He further states that he made an effort after his name was struck from the Pension Roll as afs'd, to be reinstated, under and Act of Congress of subsequent date to that of 18th March 1818, and he thinks he did then surrender and deliver up his Pension certificate, and if not, that it is either lost or mislaid. The said Demoss further states that he has never applied for, or received his Land which he was and is entitled to for his services aforesaid, and the reason why he has not done so, was because he was informed and believed that it was not worth the trouble and expense which he would have to incur in procuring a title to it, after the lapse of so many years, he being, moreover, entirely ignorant and unadvised as to the necessary steps to be taken in order to obtain it. But now as he has applied for a pension under the s'd. Act of 1832, if the same proof shall be considered sufficient to establish his claim to his land, under any former Act of Congress, he prays the Government to grant it to him: He states that from a recent wound in the foot by an axe, he is unable to attend court.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Demoss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "D".

NOTES:

The Continental Army was not formally disbanded until 23 Nov 1783 after the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

The only known "Capt. Waggener" was Andrew Waggener, who was promoted to Major on 15 Dec 1778.