

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Sneed S30711

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[The following applications were apparently written by the applicant.]

To the Honourable the Secretary of the War Department

Sir your petitioner sets fourth that In the year 1778, in the Months of January or Feb, he Inlisted as a regular Soldier in the United States army, to serve for Twelve Months, that he served in the 7th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colo Richard Parker, that he was legally dischargd from the same in the year 1779, in Feb out of Capt Crestus Kendal [sic: Custis Kendall's] Company, that he Reinlisted in 1780 for Eighteen Months, and Served in North & South Carolina as under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the 1st Virginia Regt of Eighteen Months Men Commanded by Colo Richard Campbell, in Capt Archibald Denham [sic: Archibald Denholm's] Company, from under whom he was made prisoner at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and did not Rejoin his Regiment until after the Battle of the Utaws [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], Colo Campbell being killed at that Battle the Command of the Regt devolv'd on Major [Smith] Sneed, from under whom your petitioner was discharged on the 19th January 1782, Capt Denham being remov'd in his absence from the Camp. he does not recolect the Capt from under whom he was dischargd, but thinks Capt [Philip] Sansum, and as your Petitioner is nearly 65 year of Age and stands in need of his Countrys Sepport he prays to be placed on the Pention list Agreeable to the Act of Congress providing for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the

Revolutionary War [certified 30 Sep 1819] John Sneed

[The file contains an affidavit dated 8 December 1818 by William Tuggle (pension application W8795) that John Sneed served with him in 1778 and 1779.]

I John Sneed 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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.

Debts due by me \$80.00 Debts due to me \$25.00

Feby. 20th 1825

A Schedule of property belonging to Jno Sneed Towit. One negroe woman and three small children, the youngest at the breast the eldest the nurse value \$600. One mare and colt bureau two small tables

thirteen chairs Mare and colt. \$50.00

Bureau 12. tables 4. chairs 11.50 27.50

two pots skillet and oven half dozen knives and forks dozen spoons

dozen plates three dishes tea pot and half dozen tumblers 10.75

negroes 600.00

Total value \$688.25

Jn'o. Sneed

Sir I herewith transmit to you a Schedule of the property in my possession, and likewise my situation otherwise, I am now Seventy one years Old, my Wife within a few Months as Old as I am, each of use at times rendered unfit for service by Rhuematism, so much so that at times, I am unable to chop my own

Wood. We have raised a family of Ten Children not One of which now lives with us, I have no doubt that my Children would not see me suffer, but as I have never been able to do more for them than to Educate and raise them to labour, I wish to take nothing from them, I am at this time partly dependant on my son, was it not for the Inability of my Wife, I would not hold the property I do, for the Black Woman dose not support her own Children, and herself, but I am obliged to keep her to do that for my Wife, which she is not able to do for herself, and as I have no doubt that my Claim on my Country is of a higher grade, than numbers who are now receiving her aid, having gone through the heat and burden of the war having served both in the North and South, being one of those who under General Green cleared the Southern States of the Enemy, I submit my claim to your consideration, not doubting but you will do what you think right, I have a small acquaintance with Mr Letcher our Representative and he is well acquainted with some of my family, of whom you may Enquire of our standing and Character

The Honourable Jno Sneed
S. W. Ja's Barbour

Declaration

In order to be restored to the Pension List under the act of first March 1823
State of Kentucky

County of Garrard Sct

On this 19th day of January 1829, personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the aforesaid County being a resident in said County aged seventy four years in February next who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Sneed enlisted for the term of twelve months in the month of February in the year 1778 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Cristus Kendal in the 1st Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Rich'd Parker that he continued to serve in the said Corpse until the month of February 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Middlebrook in the state of Jersey. That he reenlisted in the year 1780 in the 1st Virginia Regiment for 18 months under the command of Colonel Richard Campbell in Captain Archibald Denhams company Col. Campbell being killed at the Eutaws the command of the Regiment devolved on Major Smith Sneed from under whom he was discharged on the 19th January 1782. That his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property. And in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the [illegible word] of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property

Negro woman aged 40 years and 3 children ages from 18	}	
months to between 9 and 10 years a common horse	}	
6 year old bureau two small tables, dozen chairs 2 pots	}	\$720
skillet oven ½ dozen knives and forks. 1 dozen spoons	}	
Dozen plates 3 dishes tea pot	}	

Jno Sneed

I am 74 years old in February mr'ss [Mrs.] is 74 in August next the negro woman as above stated at 40 years the eldest of her children about in his 10th year. I am no tradesman I at present tend a horse mill the property of my son where I employ my horse and the eldest of my black boys, who can assist in driving.

myself and wife both afflicted with rheumatism. the mare in the first schedule and the negro has been removed by death, and another born. the 25 [illegible word] has been expended in my support

Sir I have thought proper through my friend the Honourable R. P. Letcher to present myself before you for the Renewal of a pension formally granted, and have thought it request likewise to state particularly my situation and a just description of my property, I am within a few months of 74 years old my Wife within a few Months of my own Age, I have a Negro Woman her age not known but believe her to be over 40 years Old she is the Mother of nine children what are in my possession is three from 18 Months to 8 or 9 years of age, I have a Horse say value 40 Dollars, Household furniture say 25 Dollars I Owe a Debt of 80 Dollars, I have no Money due me, nor have I any Income but from my own Labour, and myself and Wife are both afflicted with Rheumatic pains so that at time to render us of no affect as to labour I have thought proper to address you in this manner to save expence, and your decision on the subject made known to my friend Mr Letcher who will inform me of the same, should the application through this Litter meet with Success, the proper Vouchers will be forwarded,

Negro Woman and 3 Children	\$550
Horse	40
Household &c	<u>25</u>
	615
Debt due	<u>80</u>
	535

Garrard County Kentucky Sep 19th 1832

Sir Having seen the last act for the benefit of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution, and having discovered a dore open for those already on the pension Role, I have thought proper to avail myself of it, as I am not at present receiving a pension agreeable to my rank in the Line My first Inlistment was for 12 Months in the 1st Virginia Regular Reg't. Comanded by Colo. Richard Parker in Capt Crishes Kendal Company, my second Inlistment was for Eighteen Months in the 1st Virg. Regt. of 18 Months Men Comanded by Colo. Richd. Campbell, was appointed first Serg't By the Barren Steuband [sic: Baron von Steuben] to the 4th Company commanded by Capt Archibald Denham, which post I held untill discharg'd in the year 1782, Agreeable to the regulations of the War office I hereby transmit my present Pension Certificate, Should I not be admitted please return it to me

I am Sir your Obedient friend
[signed] Jno Sneed

Garrard County Ky Dec'r 12 1837

Dear Sir my friend Mr Harlin will present to you a Claim for an Increase of Pension, the Increase is but small, and cannot last long, as I am now in my 84 year and I wish to have to Say my Country has done me Justice, as I have stated to Mr Harlin the Grounds of my Claim, he will shew you the Letter, you will please Inform him whether you accept or Reject the Claim,

I am Sir with due Respect your Friend Jn'o Sneed
Mr Ja's L Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

Jn'o Sneeds Declaration, in order for an Increase of Pension

In the year 1779 your Oritor was Discharged as a private out of the 1st Virginia Regt Comanded by Colo Richard Parker Capt Crestus Kendal Company, and In August 1780 Reinlisted for Eighteen Months, In the first Virginia Regt of 18 Months men Comanded by Colo Richard Campbell, when the Company was Organized your oritor was appointed Serg't by Capt John Marks, when arrived at the place of Rendevouse Colo Wm Davise [sic: William Davies] who Comanded, Ordered a Return of the Serjants,

by whom appointed, your Oritor was by him Reappointed Sergant, and when the Regt was organised by the Baron D Stuben to march under General Green to the South, your Oritor was appointed first Sergant to the 4 Company, Comanded by Capt Archibald Denham, Colonel Campbell being kild at the Eutaws, the Command Devolved on Major Smith Sneed, from under whom your Oritor was Discharged he thinks on the 19 or 20 of January in the year 1782 that I serv'd the full period of 18 Months as Serg't and further your Oritor Sayeth not
Jn'o Sneed
[Certified 9 Apr 1838.]

State of Kentucky }
County of Boyle } S.S.

On this the 13 day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me [first name illegible] S. Fry Presiding Judge within and for the County and State aforesaid, John Sneed, aged one hundred years, a resident of Boyle County in the State of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Sneed who was a first Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain Denham in the [blank] Regiment of Virginia Volunteers commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell in the Revolutionary War, for the Term of two years and continued in actual service in said war for the Term of over six years. That he has never made application under this or any other Act of Congress for bounty land.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3d of March 1855.

[signed] Jno Sneed

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Jn'o. Sneed/ age 25/ height 5' 9"/ farmer/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ dark-brown hair/ hazel eyes swarthy complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A communication regarding John Sneed dated 1 Aug 1848 from Boyle County KY states that he was 94 years old on the previous Feb 2nd.