

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Snail S31383

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State of Kentucky Clark County Sgt. }

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Richard French Judge of the Clark Circuit Court, being a court of record expressly made so by the law establishing it – now sitting, Christopher Snail, a resident of Clark County and State aforesaid, aged 80 years past, who being 1st 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 served as herein stated.

In March 1776 he volunteered in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain Thomas Hunter. Said company was raised in Martin County North Carolina. He served in said company three months, and was discharged, he obtained a written discharge from Colonel William Williams at the expiration of the time but he has long since lost or thrown away all his discharges, considering them as of no value. He states that whilst he served in said Company under Captain Hunter, it was marched to a place called Cross Creek, to the relief of Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell], near the South Carolina line. From there it was ordered to march to where Colonel Williams commanded. – Whilst he was out this tour he was commanded by Colonel William Williams – Blake B. Wiggins was the Major.

He was again out three months in the year 1778. He was a volunteer in a company commanded by Charles Grandy in a Regiment commanded by Isaac Gregory Colonel. The Major was named Cornelius Grey [Cornelius Gray]. We were marched to a place called the North West River in Virginia, and were there stationed. There was none but the one Regiment there, and we were stationed there until his three months were out, when he was discharged, and his discharge was signed by Colonel Gregory but as before stated he has lost all his discharges. Colonel Gregory was afterwards Brigadier General. He lived in Camden County, North Carolina when he entered said company as a volunteer.

In the year 1779 he again served three months as a volunteer in a company commanded by a Captain whose name he has forgotten. He volunteered in the County of Camden North Carolina – and was marched to the same station on the North River in Virginia. He was in the Regiment commanded at first by Colonel Isaac Gregory, but he received during the campaign a commission as Brigadier General, and we were then commanded by Colonel John Gregory who had been before that time our Major. We remained at that station during the three months and

were then discharged.

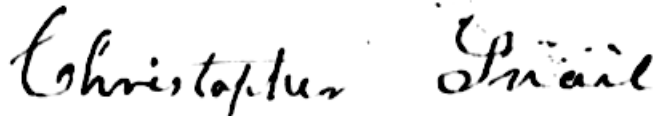
In the year 1781 he again served four months as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Jarvis. When he volunteered in said company he resided in Currituck County, North Carolina – the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Samuel Jarvis. We were marched to the same place and stationed on the North River. The object as he understood it of being stationed there was to prevent the enemy from crossing over into North Carolina. He acted during this tour as first Sergeant, and during part of the time was collecting Commissary. He was discharged at the expiration of the four months and his discharge signed by Colonel Jarvis. He has also lost said discharge.

He states that he was born in the County of Princess Anne in the State of Virginia on the 5th day of January 1752. He states that he has no record of his age at this time. He had one that his father made, but it has got lost but he recollects it well. He lived in Virginia until the year 1775 when he went to the State of North Carolina, and resided there until the fall of the year 1781, when he removed back again to Princess Anne County Virginia, and lived in Virginia until the year 1810 when he moved to the East State of Kentucky and has been living in Clark County in this State ever since. He states that the only regular officer that he has any recollection of being with the troops where he served, was Brigade Major William Furby. He states that there is no person whom he knows whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, But in his neighborhood, where he now resides, he is well known to the following named, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution viz.: Major Wiley R Brasfield, James Young, James Rainey and the Rev'd William Rash – and Thomas Berry.

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 & year aforesaid

S/ Christopher Snail

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Snail". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[William Rash, a clergyman, Thomas Perry, James Rainey & W. R. Brasfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private and 4 months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]