

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Snapp S32531

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State of Virginia County of Frederick: SS

On this 23rd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Frederick County now sitting George Snap a resident of Frederick County & State of Virginia aged eighty-one 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 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: That he entered the service as a volunteer in the militia in the spring of the year 1778 in Winchester Virginia under Captain Joseph Longacre, one Bell was the Lieutenant and one White the Ensign to guard a number of British prisoners that were there in Winchester, that he continued in Winchester guarding the prisoners three months – the prisoners were then removed to barracks about 4 miles from Winchester where he staid a month and was then discharged. Sometimes afterwards he the said George Snapp was detailed for service and joined a company of Militia at Winchester under the command of Captain Bell, whose first name he does not recollect, that they marched from that place down the country in Virginia to a town the name of which he does not recollect, in which service he was engaged for one month and that afterwards he was detailed in a company of Militia under the command of Captain Gilkerson [Samuel Gilkerson also spelled Samuel Gilkeson] to guard the prisoners that were marched from Winchester to Fort Frederick in Maryland, in which service he was engaged upwards of two months, so that the whole of his service in the Revolutionary War was upwards of seven months – there were no field Officers or regular troops in the same service. 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.

And the said George Snap makes the following answers to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows

To the 1st – I was born in Bucks County in Pennsylvania February 1752

To the 2nd. I have a record of my age in a Bible at home.

To the 3rd. In Frederick County Virginia and have lived in the same County ever since, and lived there now.

To the 4th. I volunteered to the 1st tour and was detailed for the other 2.

To the 5th. There were no regular officers in the same service.

To the 6. I never received a written discharge.

To the 7th. General John Smith of Winchester and Mister John Richards and Henry Richards in the County besides many others.

And the said George Snapp further swears that from his great age, his memory is so impaired

that he cannot recollect the dates of his service particularly.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Kean, CC

S/ George Snapp

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Snapp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

[Peter Lauch [?] and John Grim gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 12: On April 15, 1837 in Sullivan County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit describing himself as having served under Captain Longacre, Captain Gilkason [sic] and Colonel Hoalms (as he believes); he states his reason for moving is that he and his "lady" finding themselves growing old and infirm and having a desire to spend their days with or near their children have removed in the last 6 months to Indiana to be with their children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]