

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Branson: S34662

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State of Maryland

on the 21st day of April 1818 before me one of the associate judges of the first judicial District of Maryland personally appears John Branson of Saint Marys County and State aforesaid aged about 62 years who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 John Branson enlisted in the state of Maryland in the Company then commanded by Captain [James] Bruff in the year 1780 and marched to the southward, was discharged at Annapolis in the year 1783 that he was in the battles of Gilford Court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], the Siege of 1796 [sic: Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and Eutaw [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

State of Maryland first Judicial District of Maryland

On this 11th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record having unlimited original Jurisdiction with a power to fine and commit for the said first Judicial District of Maryland, John B Branson aged sixty five a citizen of saint marys county state of Maryland, being duly sworn according to Law on his oath declares that he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Magruder in the second Maryland Regiment to serve for upwards of nine months to the end of the war, that he was at the battles of Eutaw, Gilford and the 2nd battle at Camden to the Southward, and discharged at Annapolis in the state of Maryland in the year 1783 and that on the 21st day of April Eighteen hundred and Eighteen he made his first application for a pension and that the number of his certificate is 13419. and that I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united states on the 21st day of April 1818. and that I have not since that time by Gift, sale nor in any other manner disposed of my property nor any part thereof so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act 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 March 1818. and that I have not nor any person for me in trust any property, securities, contracts, debts due me, nor have I any income other than that contained in the Schedule annexed and by me subscribed, save forty dollars a year given me annually by the state of Maryland.

A Schedule of property, necessary bedding & clothing excepted. August 1820

1 small mare, 2 cows ten years old and a heifer, 1 yoke of oxen 17 years old, 6 small shoats, 1 dutch oven, 1 axe, 1 pot, one kettle, 1 low[?] table, 3 old hoes, 1 old table, plow, 1 woolen wheel, 3 [illegible word], 2 old flag ch[?], 1 old chest, 4 Tubs, 2 sad Irons, 1 pewter Bason, 3 pewter plates, 1 pewter Dish, 5 knives and forks, 1 washing Tub, 1 water pale, Bucket

Cash due me \$30.37½

Debts due from me

[Bac]k rent Blacksmiths [illegible word] \$147.00

That he is old and infirm and rents a small piece of poor land That his occupation is that of planting, that his family consists of two female children the one two[?] years old, the other four, and a wife aged 44.

Sworn to and declared on this Eleventh day of August 1820 in open Court

Jno. Johnson [sic: signature copied incorrectly by clerk]