

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Biswell S35191

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State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

On this 18th day of May 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Circuit Judges for the state aforesaid personally appeared John Biswell resident of Jessamine County and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 Biswell enlisted first in the Company of Commanded by Captain Thomas Hudgins [sic: Thomas Hutchings] at Pittsylvania Courthouse Virginia in the 6th Virginia Regiment Served in the said company & Regiment two years and was discharged at Valley Forge [illegible word] in the year 1778. he again enlisted at Hillsborough in the Company commanded by Capt. Griffin Fontleroy [sic: Griffin Fauntleroy] of the Virginia Continental line & 1st Regiment that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War at that time he was laying with the balance[?] of the regiment at Nelson's Ferry on the River Santee State of South Carolina from where he went under Furlough to Virginia when he was in the year 1783 discharged by proclamation of Congress. That he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] Camblin [sic: Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] & others & that he is [illegible word] 60 years of age in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services and that he has never received a pension from the United States.

District of Kentucky SS.

Jessamine County Court Sct

On this 19th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said District and County having its proceedings recorded by a clerk and possessing power to fine and imprison for any contempt offered it according to act of Assembly, John Biswill aged 60 years resident in Jessamine County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath declares that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: He inlisted with Capt. Thos. Hudgins at Pyttsylvania Courthouse Virginia for two years in Va. line on continental establishment in the 6th Va. Reg't. under Col. [Mordecai] Buckner, sometime he thinks in march 1776 or 1777. Cont'd. to Serve till disch'd. at vally forge by Col. Weeden [sic: George Weedon] – Again for during the war with Lieut James Gun [sic: James Gunn] at Hilsborough N. Carolina in 1st Va. Reg't. was immediately detached under Capt. Fauntleroy & annexed to Col. Wm. Washingtons [William Washington's] Reg't. of Light Dragoons (3rd) where he continued to serve for about 3½ years – the end of the war, when he was discharged by the proclimation of Congress – Was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse where Capt. Fauntleroy was killed at Campden, Seige of Ninety Six [22 May – 19 Jun 1781] – Taking of old Col. Rugely with the pine log instead of a Cannon [see endnote] – and at the Eutaw Springs under Capt. [William] Watts where I saved his life as is more at large detailed in my former declaration. And 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 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.

One half acre of Land worth	\$20.00
And one pony worth	10.00
Both of which I have lately bought out of my pension money	
One sow six pigs worth	7.00
Some fowles worth	1.00
One ax	<u>2.00</u>
I had one hoe but some one stole it	\$40.00

I have nothing due me & owe about twenty five or thirty dollars. I have no one in family but myself, have been a Cripple for twenty odd years & can work very little in tending a little garden

John Biswell

NOTE: On 4 Dec 1780 using a pine log mounted to look like a cannon, Lt. Col. William Washington bluffed Col. Henry Rugeley and more than 110 Loyalists out of a fortified barn at Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of Camden SC.