

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Muse S35526

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Circuit of Fleming, Fleming County Kentucky Sct.

This day came George Muse personally into Court and made oath in open Court that ~~he~~ in the year __ he was enlisted by Lieutenant Carey of Captain Ashby's Company of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood. He is 65 years old. His memory has failed and he does not recollect the year or date of the year when he Enlisted – but it was for two years and he enlisted at Hampshire County Virginia in the Service of the United States Served out his time and was honorably discharged at Stony Point but has lost his discharge, he has no other evidence of his discharge & service then that which he has in Court to be annexed hereto.

That sometime after he was discharged & got home he was drafted for [indecipherable word]¹ months as a Militia man, & was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He says that he is now a Citizen of Kentucky and in indigent circumstances and in consequence thereof asked for the Pension allowed by law.

S/ George Muse, X his mark

The Deposition of John Collins² taken at the same time in open Court on oath Deposeth, & shows that he lived at the same House at the same time the within named George Muse Enlisted for two years as stated by said Muse and this affiant knows that said Muse did not return until after the two years were out, and he always heard that Muse served out his time faithfully. This affiant was himself in the Service six years and had opportunity of knowing that Muse served out his time – and he knows that said Muse is now in indigent circumstances and too old and infirm to support himself without the assistance of the Government and further he says not.

S/ John Collins, X his mark

[Burtis Ringo also gave testimony as to the indigent circumstances and need for support of the veteran.]

[All of the above documents were attested in Fleming County September 15, 1818.]

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State of Kentucky Sct.



¹ Six?

² [John Collins W9813](#)

On this 13th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court being expressly made a Court of record by the laws of the state which created it, George Muse aged sixty-seven years on the 23rd of next July, residing in the County of Fleming in the State of Kentucky aforesaid: who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows viz.:

In Captain Stephen Ashby's Company 12 Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood as set forth more fully in my original declaration dated about the 4th day of June 1818 on which a pension certificate issued to me under date of 6 October 1820 Being No. 17854, which said certificate is here now present in my possession. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

2 Horse creatures worth \$40	2 cows & calves worth \$20	\$60.00
1 steer & heifer worth \$8.06	head of sheep worth \$6	14.00
19 head of hogs worth \$13,	1 Cupboard & furniture \$15	28.00
1 shovel plow \$2	pair of gear worth	4.00
<i>Polenta worth \$11.10 stretch & a hook \$1.00</i>		12.50
1 fire shovel one dollar	6 chairs & one table worth \$2.50	3.50
1 pair of Stretchers & 2 clevises	worth	2.50
1 sugar dish & one pair of Steelyards		1.50
2 Wheels, 1 Reel & 2 Mint Tubs	worth	3.00
1 old churn & old candle stand	worth	.50
3 piggins one dollar	one pair of log chain's one dollar	1.50
1 looking glass, old and broken	worth	.25
2 old axes & 2 old hoes	worth about	<u>2.25</u>
		\$134

The said George Muse further states on oath that he has always been a common laborer, or farmer, that he is extremely infirm and weak having been for several months so infirm that he was not able to ride to the Courthouse to render this schedule; and at the present it is with the greatest difficulty he is able to set on horseback to ride to court. That I am not able to do a hands turn of any kind of work or labor. That his family consist of a wife alone having but themselves; and that she is within one year of his own age and more infirm and weak, and less capable of rendering any assistance for herself or of doing anything for a maintenance than himself. That from the inability of himself and wife he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country.

S/ George Muse, X his mark

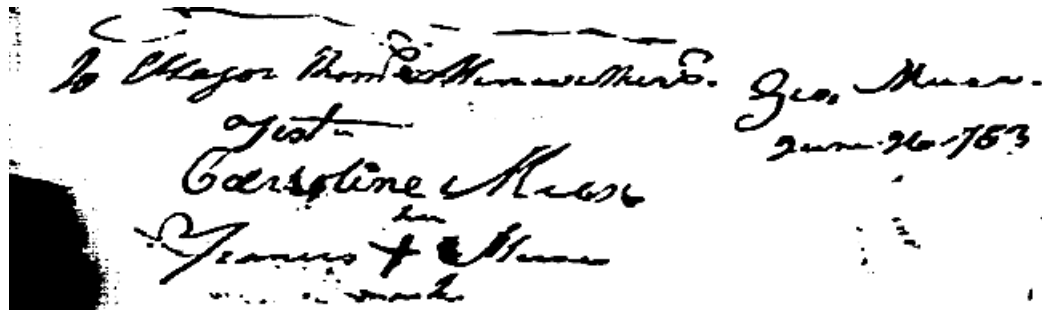
[Facts in file: Veteran died July 27, 1827, place not stated; that veteran gave no family data other than the reference to his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 4th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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There is a reference in the documents in this file to a veteran named George Muse who appears to have served as a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons but the documents posted online are so compromised as to be largely illegible. That veteran assigned his right to his land bounty to Lawrence Mead and his assignment which is dated in 1783 is witnessed by Caroline Muse.



To Major Thomas Matthews. Geo. Muse.
agent -
Caroline Muse
James & Mead
June 26 1783