

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pennetent S35554

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The state of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord 1818, personally came before me William Cotton, one of the associate judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid John Pennetent, aged about seventy years, who after being duly sworn according to law, doth and did depose, declare and say that he entered the Army raised to obtain and defend American Liberty and independence by enlisting in the year 1776, under Lieutenant Samuel Bell, at Staunton, Augusta County Virginia of the sixteenth Regiment commanded by Colonel Graceham [William Grayson] of general Scott's [Brigadier General Charles Scott's] brigade and served about eighteen months & was discharged by Colonel Graceham (Colonel James Woods of the 8th Regiment wrote the discharge and Colonel Graceham, signed it) – again, he enlisted in Botetourt County in Virginia under a recruiting officer named Moore and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Porter Lieutenant Thomas Bell & Ensign Green, of Colonel Haw's [probably Samuel Hawes'] Regiment and served about eighteen months, and was discharged at the Highlands of Santee [High Hills of Santee] in South Carolina by Major Sneed; the discharge was countersigned by Adjutant General Williams [probably Otho Williams]. He was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in New Jersey – Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina – Camden, SC [probably the engagement known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] – at the taking of Fort Friday [Fort Granby near Friday's ferry, May 15, 1781] and South Carolina and at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22 – June 19, 1781] – He was wounded severely at the Siege of Ninety Six. That he has lost all his papers or certificates and he no further evidence of his claim for the provisions of an act of Congress for the relief of persons engaged in the land and naval service during the revolutionary war passed at the session of Congress of 1817 – 1818, but his Scars and poverty that from his indigent circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, & further saith not.

S/ John Pennetent, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of December A.D. 1818

S/ William Cotton, Associate Judge

The State of Indiana Switzerland County SS

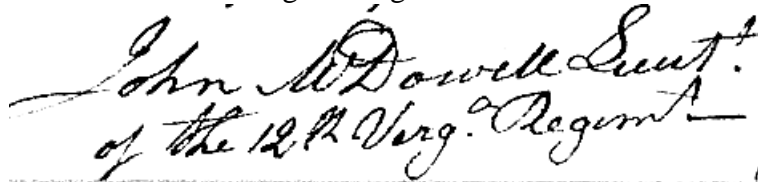
Personally appeared before me William C. Keen a justice of the peace in and for the said County, this 22nd day of May A.D. 1819, John Pennetent who after being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he served and a company commanded by Captain John McGuire (who afterwards resigned at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania) of Winchester in Virginia, of the 16th Regiment of the Virginia Line in General Scott's brigade = again in May or June A.D. 1780 he enlisted in Botetourt County in Virginia and was attached to Captain Thomas Bell's Company at Staunton Augusta

County Virginia. The same company was afterwards commanded by Captain Porter (Thomas Bell was first a Lieutenant of the same company that this deponent served in in the 16th Regiment) and his company was attached to the Regiment No. __ Commanded by Colonel Blufford [probably a mistake in reference to Abraham Buford] of the Virginia Line about 2 or 3 weeks after joining said Regiment in Hillsboro in North Carolina, Colonel Samuel Haws succeeded Colonel Bluford and he served 18 months and was discharged at the Highlands of Santee (at Colonel Thompson's [probably William Thomson's] plantation) on the 31st day of October A.D. 1781, and further saith not.

S/ John Penetent, X his mark

I do hereby Certify that John Penetent [sic] was a Soldier in Colonel William Grayson's Regiment in the Continental Army in Captain John McGuire's Company in the Northern Army and was transferred to the Southern Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the Company of Captain Coward [perhaps a reference to Francis Cowherd] of Colonel Samuel Hawes Regiment and served more than eighteen months before he was discharged as an invalid on account of a wound received in the arm at the Siege of Ninety Six given under my hand this 26th of May 1819

S/ John McDowell, Lieutenant
of the 12th Virginia Regiment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McDowell Lieut. of the 12th Virg. Regiment". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

District of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

In the Switzerland Circuit Court June Term 1821

This sixth day of June A.D. 1821 personally appeared in Open Court in the Switzerland Circuit Court, being a Court of record for the County of Switzerland aforesaid, John Penetent, aged 73 or 74 years, of the district aforesaid, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows, viz. that for three years in the company commanded by Captain John McGuire, in the 16th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Griezam in the Virginia line and that his original pension certificate is dated June 17 A.D. 1819 and is numbered 10,999 and the said John penitent file the following affidavit that is "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 and that he is incapable of supporting himself without the aid of his government or by private or public charity."

Schedule

2 old horses

\$50.00

1 Colt, two weeks old	1.00
1 Cow, 18 years old	6.00
1 heifer three years old	9.00
1 bull two years old	5.00
2 pots	2.00
2 Kettles	3.00
1 frying pan/ 30 years in use/	.50
1 pair of iron tongs	.25
11 harrow teeth	1.37 ½
Cash paid on quarter section of land	80.00
3 axes	2.00
2 hoes, 5 years in use	1.00
1 plow &	4.00
1 iron wedge	.25
1 mattock in use 16 years	.75
3 bridles old	1.00
1 old saddle	2.00
3 old guns	<u>15.00</u>
	\$184.12 ½

My wife is about 41 and much troubled with rheumatic pains.

S/ John Pennetent, X his mark

[Note: there is reference in correspondence in this file to the widow of the veteran being named Catharine; that the veteran died in 1821 in Ripley County, Indiana; that the widow died in June 1837 leaving heirs [not named] who hired an attorney to ascertain what pension, if any, may have been due the widow at the time of her death.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 3rd, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]