

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ragland S35603

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

On this 4th day of October 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County John Ragland resident in said County aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, 1st May 1820 & March 1823 that he the said John Ragland enlisted for the term of 12 months he does not recollect on what day but he thinks in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Fleming in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry – he served out this term & was honorably discharged at Williamsburg (Virginia) he again enlisted in the year 1777 for the term of 12 months in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Winston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, which was the 14th (Virginia) Regiment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the year 1778 when he was discharged and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except evidence in Virginia which he is unable to get. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 – nor have I disposed of any of my property in any manner or for any purpose since long before the 18th of March 1818 except to a very small amount which was applied to the payment of some little demands against me. I did not know of any law allowing pensions to old soldiers till about three years past and was told I was obliged to swear I could not live without it before it would be allowed may & wishing to live without being an expense to my Country – have been the reasons which have prevented my previous application for a pension – My property consists of one horse & one mare both 13 years old, one Negro man about 50 years old & infirm, 4 cows, 4 heifers & 1 Steer, 2 sows, 13 shoats & 4 pigs

S/ John Ragland, X his mark

My wife is dead I have 3 boys living with me the oldest 18 years old, the next 15, the next 12 my occupation is a farmer. I am unable from age & infirmity to do anything of consequence. I owe about \$100.

S/ John Ragland, X his mark

[The court valued the veteran's property at \$185.50.]

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John Ragland this day personally appeared before me & made oath that John Winston (under whom he has stated he served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War) commanded as Captain & was called generally by the soldiers a Captain, this affiant does not know whether he was a commissioned officer or not, but he commanded as one & was always reputed such – he might have been commissioned Ensign & commanded as Captain on account of the death removal &c of the Captain has frequently is the case, but this affiant does not certainly know this was the case. I cannot make a much more particular account of my pecuniary transactions since the 18th of March 1818, that I have made in my original declaration for a pension = I have been ever since that time very poor & have not been a trading man = I have only made little contracts in my neighborhood for the sale or the purchase of a cow a hog or something of that that kind – "It is impossible for me to recollect to whom I may have disposed of such a little property, the time when, what was received in exchange for it;" the proceeds was applied to the support of my family – I do not believe I have bought or sold to the amount of \$10 at any one time since March 1818, I made a sale of all my property last winter at auction, which went for about \$100 in the depreciated paper of this Country – which sale was made to enable me to pay my debts = I can only assign a reason for not applying sooner than I did for a pension that I was informed I was obliged to swear I could not live without it before it would be allowed me. So soon as I found this information was incorrect I made application –

S/ William Feland, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 5th, 1827, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 12 months.]