

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Creswell (Criswell) S35811                      VA  
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky  
First Judicial District Sct    [16 Apr 1818]

Samuel Criswell, a resident Citizen of the County of Mason in the District and Commonwealth aforesaid, this day made the following declaration before me Adam Beatty, Circuit Judge of the district and Commonwealth aforesaid: towit:

that he the said Samuel Criswell enlisted as a soldier for two years, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1778, in the service of the United States in Captain James OHarra's [sic: James O'Hara's] company, which after having remained in Service on the Ohio for one year from the time of his enlistment joined and was attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson, the said company being then commanded by Captain Benjamin Biggs, Capt OHarra having resigned his commission. That the said Captain OHarra having stated that the said Samuel Criswell had enlisted for the war he was retained in the service of the United States in the same Regiment (which was on Continental establishment) until the end of the revolutionary war, when he was regularly discharged from the service in July 1783. He further declares, that he never had a pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he needs assistance from his Country for support.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky. Lewis County.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared before the Subscriber Judge of the first Judicial district in Kentucky & now sitting in open Court in Lewis County being one of – Circuits of the first Judicial district and a Court of Record Samuel Criswell aged fifty nine years and a Resident of the County of Lewis who being first duly sworn according to law Doth on his oath Declare That he served in the Revolutionary war as follows – He enlisted on the [blank] day of May 1778 in Bedford County Pennsylvania with with Captain James OHarra, to be stationed at the point above the mouth of Big Kenhawa [sic: apparently Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kanawha River], and Remained there one winter and was marched from that point to Fort Pitt where he was attached to the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line Comanded by Colo John Gibson & under the Immediate command of Captain Benjamin Biggs. and continued in said Regiment until the close of the war according to Enlistment. And was in several skirmishes with the Indians during his Term of service in the war against Great Britain he was discharged at Fort Pitt from the Continental Service at the close of the war between America and Great Britain. The said Criswell is now on the Pension List and has a Certificate dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1819 no. 9413. The date of his original Declaration was made on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

And I the said Criswell do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Horse worth	\$10—
2 Cows & one calf	18—
1 Loom & Tackling	10—
6 Head of Sheep	6—

Pott Metal	6—
2 Bucketts & Churn	1—
Dresser ware	1—
Earthenware	— 75 cts
2 Set Plow Irons 1 axe & one hoe	6—
7 Head of hogs	<u>10—</u>
	\$68.75

This is all I possess or own as above stated, necessary Clothing and Bedding excepted. I have followed the business & occupation of Shoe making and farming ever since I left the service of my Country in its struggle with Great Britain & my discharge aforesaid. I have a family of the following description. A wife who is aged about forty two years who is much afflicted with the Rheumatic pains & seven Children the oldest of whom is a Girl about Eighteen years of age – one son who is aged about fifteen years The ballance are small but all enjoy ordinary health. The said Criswell Declares he is very infirm and has nearly lost the use of his Right arm and cannot well support himself and family without the assistance of his Country.

Samuel Creswell