

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Coatney (Courtney) S35863
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State of Indiana Sct.

On this 19th day of march 1819 before me Davis Floyd President of the second Indiana Circuit in the State of Indiana personally cam Michael Courtney of Jackson County & State aforesaid aged fifty eight years and being by me first duly sworn for the purpose of procuring the benefits of a late act of Congress making provision for pensions to such persons as served in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war against the Common enemy upon his oath aforesaid says that in Green Brier [sic: Greenbrier] County in the State of Virginia he enlisted in Capt. William McKee's company [raised in Rockbridge County] for the Term of two years during the revolutionary war that he served his time fully out and was regularly discharged at Fort Randolph at the mouth of the great Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha River] that he was stationed at Fort Randolph greater part of the time and was in sundry scouts and skirmishes with the Indians that the said Company belonged to the twelfth Virginia Regiment and was Commanded by Col [James] Wood that he sent his discharge by a packet to Richmond to draw his balance of pay and that it was unfortunately lost. That he is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And that this is the only evidence now within his power to produce to prove his services aforesaid

At a Circuit Court met at the courthouse in Brownstown in the County of Jackson and State of Indiana on the 24th day of June in the Second Judicial Circuit of said state and Present the Hon'ble Leonard C. Shewmaker and James McGee Associate Judges of said Court at their June Term 1820
State of Indiana } Ss
Jackson County }

On this twenty fourth day of June 1820 Personally appeared in Open Court (being the Circuit Court of Jackson County in the second Judicial Circuit of said State which is a Court of Record, which is made such by the statute of said State, Michael Coatney aged fifty nine years Resident in Jackson County who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the twelfth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. James Wood, as a Private in Captain William McKeys Company of Militia [sic], the date of his first declaration is not Recollected the number of the Pension Certificate in 12,567 – 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.

Schedule – Two mares and one colt Three Cows and two Calves and a yearling six hogs and seven pigs. One rifle gun, three saddles, One Plow and two cleveses, one axe, one mattock, one drawing Chain, one small Pot, one small stew Kettle, and one small Oven one new Bridle & two old ones, one little wheal, One wash Tub, one Bucket, two small water Pails, one coller, One old chest, two crocks and one Pan, one dish, three Plates, five cups, four saucers and one boal, one tumbler & saltceller, three baskets five tin cups, five knives & six forks, Six spoons, One flat Iron, two pair Pot hooks, One Pair of Old saddlebags, One chair, two Bottles two beds & one Coffee Pot Tin

Michael Coatney

He is a farmer and very unable to make a living at that and has a wife her name is Sally and is fifty six years of age and is a cripple and is very unable to make a support

NOTE: A letter dated 24 July 1825 states that Coatney's pension had been suspended for unknown reasons, and that his wife had been crippled for the previous 15 years. The pension was evidently restored, and on 24 Oct 1825 Coatney applied to have it transferred from Indiana to Tennessee. He signed the document with his mark. On 1 May 1839 Michael Coatney applied to have his pension transferred from Tennessee back to Indiana, having moved to Jennings County for the following reason: "old age compelled me to move amongst my children who are living in the State of Indiana – In order to obtain the necessaries of life, to support me." Coatney signed with his mark, witnessed by Woods Coatney, as the latter signed.