

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Goddard: S35973

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State of Maryland first Judicial District Viz

On this first day of February 1819, before me, the subscriber, the Chief Judge of the above district, personally appeared John Goddard aged about sixty five years, resident in prince Georges county in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said John Goddard enlisted for the term of three years in the year seventeen hundred & eighty in St Marys County in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Marberry of the Regiment commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the year 1784, when he was discharged from service in Annapolis in the state of Maryland, that he was in the battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk's Hill 25 Apr 1781], of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] & at Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] as well as in several skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

SCHEDULE

State of Maryland first Judicial district SS.

ON this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, constituted such by the Legislature and having unlimited original jurisdiction with the power to fine and imprison for the said district, John Goddard of Prince Georges county one of the counties included in the said district, resident in prince Georges county in said district who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: that he served in the revolutionary war for the term of three years when he was discharged in Charles county Maryland that he enlisted in the year 1779 in the company commanded by Joseph Marberry of the 3rd Maryland regiment commanded by Col. Gunby; that he was at the battle of Camden, the Cowpens, EauTaw springs & Gilford Court House. That he first made his application for a pension on the first of February 1819 and that his certificate is number 6246 and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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. That he has no property of any description except his wearing apparel. That he dont keep house but as well as he is able labours to assist him with the necessaries of life that there are no debts due to him, and that he is indebted to several persons amounting to about 50 dollars. That he follows brick making but is not now able to pursue or follow it