

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Goldsmith S35974

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State of Kentucky } Sct.

Bullitt County }

On this fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty five personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for Bullitt County, John Goldsmith resident in said County, age sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820: That he the said John Goldsmith enlisted for the Term of two years on the [blank] day of February 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Samuel Woodson [company raised in Goochland County] in the 9th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colo. Matthews [sic: George Mathews] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the expiration of the time for which he enlisted when he was discharged from the service at Valley forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present; That his name is not on the Roll of any State except Virginia. And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension towit. He obtained a discharge from an Officer whose name he does not recollect and having lost said discharge by accident and having been informed that his Captain had long since departed this life he knew of no person, nor does he yet know of any person, by whom he could prove his service and he was advised that it would be necessary to prove his service by Witnesses before he could be placed on the Pension list, but he has lately been advised to apply on his own oath of service. And in pursuance of an act of the 1st 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 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 since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. About that time I had an Equitable Claim to one hundred acres of land (of third rate. A mare and Colt, about Twenty dollars worth of Cattle and about thirty Dollars worth of hogs. The Declarant further states that he is a Brick layer by trade but is now too old and infirm to pursue it for a support. He has a wife nearly of his own age who has been sick for upwards of four years and he has been forced to dispose of his land mare & colt and a part of his cattle & hogs to pay Doctors Bills & for the support of himself and Wife, He has five children towit Three Sons & two Daughters who are grown and who have left him and he derives no support from them. The Schedule of his property now owned by him is as follows.

One Cow & Calf at	\$7.	
13 head of small hogs	8.	
2 Chairs	.50	
Household & kitchen furniture	3.00	
1 Small garden hoe, Shovel }		
Plough & old axe }	<u>2.</u>	\$20.50

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