

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Suggan S36821

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Clarke County State of Kentucky Sct.

James Suggan a Citizen of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky states on oath that he served for three years as a regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy.

That he was entered into the Continental Army in Leesburg, Loudoun County Virginia on the __ day of October in 1775 or 1776, – by Lieut. Morrison [?]¹ in Capt. West's [Francis West's] company of Colonel Rollings' [Moses Rawlings']² Rifle Regiment of the Virginia Line [sic, Maryland Line] Continental establishment for three years. That he was in the Siege of Fort Washington [November 16, 1776], which was taken in 1776 and in several small skirmishes – and after serving out the whole of his said time of three years against the common enemy, was discharged Honorably at Fort Pitt, by Colonel Bell [sic, Major Isaac Beall] in the year 1779 or 1780 – That he is now in reduced circumstances and also getting old and infirm, and is affected in one of his arms by a wound which he got in Service – and is not able to support himself by personal labor. That he is 72 years of age – & his wife nearly as old and quite helpless – He has no Land, and only two cows to support himself & wife, – & no income of any sort, and has heretofore got his living by working days works – which he is no longer able to do – That he has lost his discharge and is unable to make any proof of his services aforesaid other than what will be annexed hereto, and what may be found in the War Department. That in consequence of his indigent Circumstances, he is compelled to ask for the Pension allowed him by law for his Revolutionary Services –

Charles Tracy³ states on oath that he is well acquainted with the above named, James Suggan [sic], and knows of his own knowledge that he served as is above stated for 3 years in the Continental Army; and that he was honorably discharged – because he saw the discharge, and well recollects it –

John Hedges states on oath that he is well acquainted with the above named James Suggan and is

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² Moses Rawlings was a Col. in the Maryland line. George Washington initially intended him to command a rifle regiment but he was captured at Ft. Washington in November 1776 and Washington placed Col. Daniel Morgan in command of the rifle regiment.

³ FPA S31437: Tracy only claims service in the Maryland Line in engagements in the middle and northern states.

decidedly of opinion that the statement made by him as to his reduced circumstances is correct and true, and this affiant is of opinion that said Suggan and wife well after a little be supported entirely by the County unless he obtains the Pension allowed him by law.

[Attested June 25, 1818]

In consequence of further proof of Service having been required, and the applicant Referred for that purpose to the Auditor General, Annapolis, Maryland, The said James Suggan from his age, poverty and infirmity finding it impossible for him to make application to the Auditor General has this 18th day of May 1819 caused Henry Wiginton [Henry Wigginton]⁴ a Citizen of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky, to come before me the subscriber one of the circuit Judges for the State aforesaid – and the same before whom the original declaration was taken, and the said Wiginton being first sworn stated, that he was present at the time and place mentioned by the said Suggan when he enlisted, that he has a perfect and distinct recollection of the transaction and knows that he did enlist in the company and Regiment stated in the said declaration for three years. That some length of time after said enlistment he saw the said Suggan in the Service, and saw him immediately on his return from the Army after his term of Service had expired. The foregoing statements made by the said Henry Wiginton was by him Sworn to before me this 18th day of May 1819 I further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Wiginton and that he is a man of good character, and that every credit is due to his statement.

S/ Jas. Clark

Circuit Judge Winchester 4th June 1819

A Schedule of the property owned by James Suggan

To four cows and calf Low in Order

To one Mare and two year old Colt

To two Sows and Eleven pigs

To four Small Shoats one barrow and two Small sows

To one Old barshere [?] plough [plow] and pair of Iron trases

I am indebted to Different people \$10.00

I have \$5 due me

I live on about Seven Acres of land that I gave Henry Clay and Johidah Muscick a three year Old Colt for it they bought it at Sheriff Sale for the State tax and I Never got a title and I am told that the title was transferred to a Norther [another] person before the Sheriff Sold to Clay and Muscick

My family consists of myself and wife my wife is an old woman past Labour.

S/ James Suggan, X his mark

Bourbon Circuit State of Kentucky: Sct.

This 29 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court held in and for the Circuit aforesaid being a court of record, James Suggan aged seventy-six years resident of Bourbon County & Circuit aforesaid and being sworn according to law did depose and say that he is the same James Suggan who is inscribed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky agency by virtue of his original declaration dated 25 June 1818 and on which his certificate dated 21 July 1819 and No. 13441 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the

⁴ [Henry Wigginton S31483](#)

18th of March 1818; and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of his property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so as to diminish it as to bring himself 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 of March 1818; and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him; nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed – wearing apparel and bedding excepted

S/ James Suggan, X his mark

property worth \$126

[May 13th, 1826 in Jefferson County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension payment to the Indiana agency stating that he moved there “for the purpose of residing in the neighborhood of his children who are living in the State of Indiana.” He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 25, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to James Suggan S36821

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Suggan, James.]

Kentucky Bourbon County Sct [8 Jan 1822]

James Suggan Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted in Leesburg in Virginia for Three years in the year 1776 in Capt. Francis West’s Company of the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental line Commanded by Col. Rallings and that he continued to serve in service until he was taken prisoner by the British at the Seige of Fort Washington, and he continued a prisoner for a considerable length of time before he was exchanged And after he had served out the Three years for which he was Enlisted, he was honorably discharged at Fort Pitt (now Pittsburg) by Major Bell [probably Isaac Beall VAS2437] of said Regiment and that he has lost his discharge and has never rec’d his Land warrant for said services.

James hisXmark Suggan

Kentucky Bourbon County Sct.

Charles Lander [S31198] appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County; and made [part missing at bottom of page] that said Suggan Enlisted for Three years and was discharged and was taken prisoner and served out his Enlistment as he has just stated in his Affidavit within and he believes that said Suggan never rec’d his Land warrant for said service

