

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Cornelius Westfall S36842

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Whereas by an act of Congress passed March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 provisions for Certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the U States in the Revolutionary War for the Term of Nine months or longer or at any period of the War in the Continental establishment, Now I Cornelius Westfall aged sixty two years deposes on the holy evangelists of almighty God and Sayeth that in the latter part of the year 1775 there was a convention called in the State of Virginia for the purpose of consulting for the safty of the [illegible word] union, from the depra-dations of the Common Enemy they accordingly came to a resolution to raise eight regiments of soldiers to serve Two years in the Continental establishment; By Virtue of which resolution his brother Able Westfall (now Dece'd) was early in the Spring of the following year appointed to raise a company of men which accordingly he did in a short time, and the Deponent sayeth that he entered into the Service with his Brother as an orderly Sergant and acted in that Capacity untill the Spring 1777, when he the deponent was promoted to the office of an ensign and acted in that Capacity untill May or June 1778, when he then resigned his commission, but by some means his resignation is lost. The Company that the Deponent belonged to join the eighth Regiment of the Virginia line Com-manded by Col Peter Mughlenberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] which was the year following Com-manded by Col Abraham Bowman who had the command untill the Deponent left the army, The Deponent now by reason of bodily infirmity reduced to a Low circumstances in life and not being able to procure his living, by his Labour, which is his occupation, he therefore craves the benifit of the Law that he may be extended to him as an officer and placed on the pension list as saith  
[signed 30 May 1818] Cornelius Westfall

Personally appeared this day before me Abraham Westfall [pension application W9883] and made oath that he new of his Brother Cornelius Westfall entering into the service with his brother Able Westfall in the year 1776 in the Continental establishment and also new of his leaving the service the time and maner stated in the declaration  
Given under my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> May 1818 W R McCall Assoc Judge for [illegible]

The undersigned states, on the application of Cornelius Westfall of Knox County Indiana, that he, the said Westfall was known to the undersigned in the character of an Officer with the rank of Ensign in the eighth Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment - that when the said Westfall first engaged in the service in 1776, he was either a private soldier, or a Serjeant, and march with the Regiment to Charlestown in South Carolina and from thence into the State Georgia. After remaining in Georgia some time the remains of the Regiment returned to the state of Virginia, and in the Spring of the year 1777 the regiment joined the Army under Gen'l. Washington in the state of New Jersey. And the undersigned thinks that the said Westfall continued in the service of the United States until the Spring of the year 1778 when he resigned his Commission. The undersigned thinks when the said Westfall resigned his Commission & left the Army the troops were encamped at a place in Pennsylvania called Valey forge, or on their march to New Jersey upon the opening of the Campaign

Given under my hand at Louisville in the State of Kentucky the 30<sup>th</sup> day August 1819.

R O. Breckinridge [pension application S46371] formerly a Lieu't. in the  
8th Va. Reg't. upon Continental establishment

[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of Indiana Green County September 24<sup>th</sup> 1821

Personally appeared in Open Court it Being a Court of Record for said County Cornelius Westfall aged sixty five years Resident in said County being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he acted in the office of Ensign in the Revolutionary war in Captain Abel Westfalls Company belonging to the Eighth virginia Ridgement in the Continental Establishment commanded first by Col. Peter Muhlenberg then by Col. Abraham Bowman that

he acted as orderly Serg't. In the year 1776 and in the year 1777 he acted as Ensign and untill the Spring 1778 when he left the Army which fact has been already established and a pension certificate granted the Twenty Ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and nineteen upon which he received pay from 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 the date of the application up to the fourth of March 1820 and that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner dispose of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so 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 passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen 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 income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. No of Certificate 15232

subscribed as follows to wit (viz)	\$	Cents
One Bald Eagle Mare \$50	50	00
One yearling Colt \$15 one heifer two years old \$10	25	"
One Cow and Calf \$15	15	"
A parcell of sows & pigs 6/25 one Cow Bell \$1 Barpour[?] six two years[?] \$15	22	25
Two weeding Hoes \$2 one grubing hoe \$1.50 A flax Break \$1	4	50
One stew kittle \$2.50 one oven \$2 on Broken pot \$1 one ten gallon kettle \$5	10	50
One Broken skelet \$1 Broken tea kittle \$1 two pewter dishes \$2	4	00
One old pewter plate 25cts a parcel of Broken delfware 75cts four Chairs \$1.50	2	50
One pewter Bason 50 cts two old trunks 75 cts four Baskets \$1.50	2	75
Two old spinning wheels \$4 one old Cotton wheel \$2 one Reel \$1	7	"
One tin pan 25 cts three old buckets 75 cts four tins 50 cts a parcel of old Knives and forks 50	3	"
some old pewter spoons 50cts one old Coffee mill 70cts One glass Tumbler 18cts	1	43
One Rifle gun \$10 two milk crock 50 cts one Earthen pitcher 20 cts	10	75
One salt seller 12½ cts one pair shears \$2 one pair cotten cards \$1.50	1	62½
One old Table \$1 One Table \$6 two old Augurs 50 cts three gimblets 25 cts	7	75
One chest 50 cts ½ Doz tea spoons 25 cts One heir sifter 75	1	50
One Loom & three old stays \$10.50 three pair of pothooks 75 cts	11	25
One pot Trammel \$1.50 ct one Iron shovel \$1.50 ct one small pot \$1	4	00
One Drawing knife 50 cts One pint flask 20 cts One ½ pint Decanter 20 c		90
One smoothing Iron \$1 horse Bell \$1 one stone Jug 50 cts	2	50
One old surveyors compass \$10 one Man saddle \$10 womens saddle \$6	26	"
Book} one Missionary Bible \$1.50 history of Washington \$1	2	50
One history Buonapart \$1 Pikes Ass't 75 cts Edwards Baptism \$1.50	2	25
Buchanans Researches \$1 One vol Fletchers Cheeks 50 cts	1	50
One plough \$5 two pair of trace chains \$3 four shoats \$3	11	"
Income {To debts due \$28.50 cts	<u>28</u>	<u>50</u>
	259	95
Indebted { to a bond given Col william Findley of Chillicothe on demand for { \$79 with Interest from date which is twelve years	128	28
for the gun mentioned in the schedule \$10	10	"
for the Loom mentioned \$10 for the Saddle \$10	20	"
For Money Borrowed for subsistance	<u>114</u>	<u>"</u>
	282	28

My occupation is husbandry but old age and bodily infirmity unable to pursue it names and ages of my family and their occupations  
Sarah my wife aged upwards of fifty two years Infirm can do but little  
Isephna a Daughter aged upwards seventeen a spinster on hous drudgery but will not be long with me

Susanna aged upwards of fourteen Occupation as above ritten, Isaiah Hale stepson aged nearly twenty four years who out of pittty sake for his mother contributes towards our support but uncertain how long Elizabeth a stepdaughter aged upwards of twenty who assists towards our support who can weave a little and affords a little support Those I do not calculate now to belong to my family as they are arrived of age. they can if they choose leave me at any time they think fit so to do

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

Cornelius Westfall

[Westfall's pension was suspended under the Act of 1 May 1820 because it was thought that he owned too much property. The following is an unsuccessful application to have the pension restored. Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Indiana Green County Febuary 21<sup>st</sup> 1822

Personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of Record for said County Cornelius Westfall aged sixty six the ninth day of March next resident in said County being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he acted as Ensign in the Revolutionary war in Captain Abel Westfalls Company belonging to the Eighth Virginia Ridgement in the Continental Establishment commanded first by Colonel Peter Muehlenberg and then by Colonel Abraham Bowman that he acted as Orderly Sergeant in the year 1776 and in the year 1777 he acted as Ensign untill April or May 1778 when the term he engaged was expired which facts have been already proven without application to the Archives by the General Government and a certificate granted him on the twentyeth day of September one thousand eight hundred and nineteen and he received a pension from the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 the date of the application up to the fourth day of March 1820 and that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of his property by gift or sale nor in any manner with ann intent thereby so as to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled and Act to provided for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States on the passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that has not or has any person entrusted for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has any income other than what is contained in the Schedule annexed by him subscribed viz

[The schedule shown is the same as above except for the changes shown below, and his property was estimated to be worth \$108.45.]

Names and ages and auccupations of my self and family Cornelius Westfall 66 the 9 of March next occupation husbandry but two infirm to do much at it Sally Westfall aged 53 very infirm can do but little Isaiah aged 24 who has contributed towards our surport but is going to himself Elizabeth a step daughter aged 21 who has also contributed towards our support is going to do for herself Isiphena aged 17 remains with me a spinster & house droudger Susanna aged 14 a spinster and a house droudger

Sirs Since my last you will observe this is a great variation in my property the reason of which is I was under a necessity of borrowing money to support me upon the supposition of receiving it from the united states and failing my creditors as might be expected looked for their pay but being unable to pay back they proposed takeing property at reasonable rates so that they could make their money out of it, also. I expect the remainder will be taken if I do not get money to satisfy them as I owed some yet now it may appear strange to you it is very well known that we do not live in luxury and have use of industry I have lived within cumpass and squared my actions according to Gospel Rules. I must still live hard I have suffered for cloathing this last winter but now my credit is gone I cannot get anything without money This stubborn fact

Cornelius Westfall

This is to certify that this is a true transcript from the record of Green County Circuit Court Docket In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal as Clerk of said Court

Thomas Warnick Clerk

[The following is undated and out of sequence but appears to be part of the preceding application.]

Names of persons sold property to	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property Received in Return
One bald Egal mare to Abel Westfall & one brindle Stear 2 years old One heifer One falling leaf Table To Isaiah Hale sold One white Heifer and all the Hogs mentioned in the first Schedule to satisfy a debt due him by bond from me of \$32	February 20 <sup>th</sup> 1822	To satisfy a Debt due to him by bond from me for money borrowed for Subsistance \$55.32 For a Saddle and other property purchased from him to the amount of \$32.00
To James Howel One Cow and Calf	February 20 <sup>th</sup> 1822	For a loom purchased together with the Tackling thereto Belonging from him for the Amn't <u>\$11.50</u> \$98.82
To Francis Slenkara[?] by bond for Flour purchase	February 20 <sup>th</sup> 1822	<u>- 30.00</u> 68.82
One bay mare mentioned in the Old Schedule Died The same was valued at \$30		

The Remainder of the property not mentioned in this new Schedule is Broken up and worn out &c

Cornelius Westfall aged 67 years Occupation farming but by reason of old age and the Rheumatism unable to pursue it

Sally Westfall his wife aged Fifty four occupation spinning & sewing sometimes but by reason of pains in the limbs can as but settle

Isephina aged 19 years spinster some times at home but chiefly works for her self

Susanna aged 16 years spinster is of some service to me

[On 1 Oct 1823 Westfall applied again under the Act of 1 Mar 1823, which provided for the restoration of some pensioners who had previously been dropped. This application also appears to have been unsuccessful. It adds no new information except for the following schedule of property:]

One Cow and Calf \$10. One d[itt]o \$8. One yearling past \$4 Two year-old hogs \$10 Six Shoats \$3 four Chairs \$3 three old Chairs \$1.13½ One Falling leaf Table \$5. One Old d'o \$1. a Half Doz Table Spoons 50 Cents One pewter dish \$1.50 two Barrels \$1.50 One Fat Tub 75 Cents two Broken pots \$1.50 One dutch Oven \$2. One Broken Skillet 50 Cents One axe \$2. One Old meat Axe \$1 One pr. Taylars Shears \$2. One meat Tub 50 Cents One Old Flax Brake 50 Cents Seven Old Knives & Five forks 75 Cents Some Leather in Taw \$3 Some Tobacco Drying \$1.20 One Stew Kittle \$2. One Old Iron Tea Kittle \$1. Two acres and a Quarter corn \$12.50 One Old Riffle Gun \$5. Four tea Spoons 12½ Cents Some unbroke Flax 50 Ct Some Cotten Growing but not yet Opened \$2. About One and a half bushels of wheat unthrashed 75 Cts One Old Flax Wheel \$2. Two Old buckets 50 Cts Some Old Baskets 50 Cents One new Basket 37½ Cts One Broken Shovel 50 Cts One Old Coffee mill 50 Cts One half pint decanter 12½ Cts One Gunblet 6¼ Cts One Salt Sellar 12½ Cts One bible \$1.50 One Old pocket Hymn Book 50 Cts One Volum of Fletchers Checks 50 Cts Ramseys life of Washington 50 Cts life of Buonaparte 75 Cts Buckanans Christain Researches 75 Cts a book Titled the prince of peace 25 Cts  
Total ammount \$118.78

A Debt due me of \$22.

Cornelius Westfall