

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Wells S37513

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Original Declaration to be placed on the Pension list under the acts of 18th of March 1818 & the 1st day of May 1820

County of Scott –

State of Kentucky – On this 21st of January 1828 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record established by law for the said County of Scott Saml Wells [Samuel Wells] a resident citizen of said County aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Acts of Congress of 18th of March 1818 & 1st May 1820 – that I enlisted for three years by Captain Geo. Fleming [George Fleming] about a year before the Battle of Brandywine in Colonel William Heath's Regiment 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment – that he served his time out & was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine & honorably discharged. That he was also in the Battle of the White Plains – Major Bird commanded the Battalion. That he was discharged at Morris Town [Morristown] in Jersey [New Jersey] – The reason I have not applied sooner I could not find any person to prove my service until now and I disliked to ask the bounty if I could do without it. And that I have not received nor do I now received any pension from this or any other Government – That he is unable to support himself & family without the aid of private or public charity.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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.

Schedule of property now – one mare value \$5 – one sow & 2 shoats \$3 – one cow \$6, 2 steers \$10 – no changes have taken place in my property since 18th of March 1818 except as to using about the same kind of property for my support as above enumerated – I had a cart which I sold for \$30 & expanded it in subsistence. I have 7 in family – myself – old & infirm & can scarcely labor at all being nearly blind – my wife 50 years old & can do but little – my daughter a widow & 3 children & my son 15 years old, all of whom can merely support themselves. I have no mechanical trade & require aid to support myself & wife.

S/ Samuel Wells, X his mark

This day also appeared James Mason in open Court & says that he was a comrade of the

declarant Samuel Wells in the Revolutionary War. He knows of his enlistment & service as stated. We were in the same Company – & I enlisted during the war & am now drawing my pension.

Signed James Mason,¹ X his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died November 20, 1830; other than the statements made by the veteran and his application, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 19, 1829 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ FPA S36064