

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Agnew S37653

VA

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Virginia,

Augusta County, to wit,

This day [16 Apr 1818] John Agnew, of the County of Bath, in the state aforesaid, personally appeared before me, John Brown, Judge of the Chancery District Court holden at Staunton in the said County of Augusta & State aforesaid, & being sworn, saith, That in the year 1776, he enlisted, as a Sergeant, for two years, in Cap. Joseph Crockett's Company, 7th Regiment, at that time commanded by Col. Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield], (afterwards by Col. [William] Crawford & subsequently by Col. Alex'r. McClenachan [Alexander McClenachan]) in the Virginia line, on Continental establishment. That he served his country faithfully during the said two years, & at the expiration thereof received his discharge at Valley Forge; That he sent his discharge to Richmond, for the purpose of receiving his arrears of pay, where he believes it still is, as he has never seen it since. This affiant also saith, That he never had a pension allowed him by the laws of the United States; That he is about seventy seven years of age, is in very reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

State of Virginia

Augusta County to wit

On this 18th day of September 1829 in open Court being a Court of record for Augusta County, in which proceedings are had according to the course of the Common Law which has unlimited jurisdiction within said County has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all its proceeding duly registered, personally appeared John Agnew alias Aggnew, aged seventy seven years, resident in Rockbridge County, to which he has removed since the former declaration made by him, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the year 1776 in the County of Botetourt in a company commanded by Capt Joseph Crockett and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colo Dangerfield, on the Continental establishment that he served for the term of three years, that he was in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and Guinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island VA, 8 - 10 Jul 1776], and assisted at the Capture of Burgoyne [Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777]; that he served during the time for which he enlisted, that he heretofore made his declaration under the act of Congress of the 18th of April [sic: March] 1818 and has been placed on the pension list from the 16th of April 1818; the Certificate given the 8th of January 1819 as is not numbered. The said John Agnew doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 he has not 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 and by him subscribed – He further makes oath that his [undeciphered word] oath [health?] and debility precludes the possibility of his engaging in any regular occupation, that he can only be supported by public or private charity, that he has no wife nor children, he has no home of his own and resides at present with an old lady, and has paid his board with part of the money, which he drew upon the pensionary certificate given on the 8th of January 1819

Schedule of the property of John Agnew

One Horse aged 18 years. One old saddle & bridle

(Signed) John hisXmark Agnew

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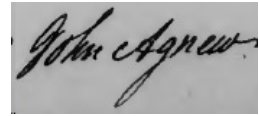
To the Hon'ble the Speaker & House of delegates in the Birginia Assembly
The petition of John Agnew of Augusta County humbly sheweth.

That your petitioner enlisted in the 7th Virginia Regiment under the act of assembly providing that such soldiers who took into the service of their own property a complete Rifle Gun & accoutrements should on being received, have the same appraised which, if lost, in the service, the owner was entitled to the Value thereof, and it was further stipulated, that the soldiers who who thus provided their own arms were entitled to receive at the rate of Twenty shillings pr. annum for the use thereof

Your petioner by regulation which took place in the american army, was by Authority deprived of his Rifle Gun & furnished with a musket &c. But obtained from Colo. Alex McClenachan who commanded the Regiment, a certifiat setting forth that your petitioner did bring into the service a Rife gun appraised to Seven pounds then Shillings Virginia Currency which was taken from him agreeably to regulations of the Army & for which no compensation was made.

The Claim was admitted by Augusta Court as will appear by the Clerks Certificate herewith, And an order given by your petitioner to Robert Gamble to obtain payment from the auditor of public accounts as will appear also by said Gamble's Certificate herewith – which paper he, or Mr. Alex'r. StClair has lost or mislaid – and at the claim being forwarded to Congress as will appear by the auditors certificate he considers himself not authorized to issue a warrant for my claim.

Your petitioner begs leave to remark that he is in very indigent circumstances and has a very helpless family to provide for. Thus circumstances he implores your hon'ble body to grant him compensation for his Gun which he is deprived of & compensation for two years service thereof. And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall Pray &c



The evidence of this Claim (Colo. McClenahans Cert.) being lost the Auditor can't issue the usual Warrant to the Petitioner
J. Pendleton [Auditor]/ 7 Nov. 1793

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