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Pension Application of John Ashton S37686

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King George County      State of Virginia

On this 23 day of February 1827 personally appeared before me Samuel Oldham an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Ashton resident in the said county aged sixty nine who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18 March 1818 and the 1st May 1820; that he the said John Ashton entered an ensign in the winter 1776 or 1777 he cannot positively say which in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Cap. Richard Bernard in the Regiment commanded by Colo Peachy [sic: William Peachey] and afterwards by Col. Isiah Parker [sic: Josiah Parker] in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps during the term of 13 or 14 months when he was discharged from the service in consequence of bad health in the month of April or May in the town of Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in the state of Virginia, 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 the state of Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that he wished to live as long as he could from his own exertions but the infirmities of age have now crowded upon him until he is no longer able to effect that desirable end, and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

I have no earthly goods my occupation is that of a farmer, I have no family nor had I any property on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818

John Ashton

[Oldham certified that Ashton had been unable to attend court because of gout, with which he had been afflicted for 30 years.]

State of Virginia      King George County      to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace In the County aforesaid James Marders and made oath that John Ashton a resident of the County aforesaid served as an officer in the army during the Revolutionary War. That he entered the said army in the year 1776 or 1777 as an ensign in the company commanded by Capt. Richard Bernard belonging to the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he continued in the army upwards of twelve months. And I hereby certify that the said James Marders has lived in the said County of King George for many years and that he is a credible and impartial witness in behalf of the said John Ashton.

Given under my hand this 1 March 1827.

S. Oldham J.P.

[Jesse Davis, pension application S8282, certified similarly.]

NOTE: A document in the file states that Ashton died in Sep 1831.