

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Finney S37926

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension List under the act of the 18th of March 1818

State of Alabama County of Lawrence

On this the 30th day of January in the year 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County having the power to fine and imprison Robert Finney resident in said County aged Seventy Five marched next, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Finney enlisted for the term of about 15 months commencing the first of January 1776 and ending in the first day of June 1777 in the State of South Carolina in the [Company] commanded by Capt. Samuel Taylor, in the Regiment commanded [by] Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the first day of June 1777 afterwards about the 10th of June 1777 he was discharged from the service in said State of South Carolina, 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 said State of South Carolina: and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, he did not know until a short time since that there was any provision made to pay those who were soldiers in the revolutionary war and who were indigent and unable to support themselves by labor; 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 other wise 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

Two cows and calves worth	\$15.00
A Sow and five pigs & three shoats	8.00
Two pots two ovens and sillet [sic]	8.00
Five Chairs and two Tables	6.00
Three axes and one hoe	8.00

Plates knives and forks

3.00
\$48.00

S/ Robert Finney¹

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, at that time I had 4 horse beasts and since that time they have all died --

At that time I had no cattle but afterwards became owner of a few and only one of them has been sold.

S/ Robert Finney

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before

S/ Peter W. Taylor, Judge of said Court

30th January 1828

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 6, 1828 for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ I do not believe the actual signature of the veteran appears on this document. I base this on the fact that the handwriting for both instances of the supposed signature is identical to the handwriting of the balance of the document. Consequently I think the signature is merely an indication by the clerk of court who copied the declaration for transmission to the War Office that the original declaration was signed by the veteran.