

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Knighten (Knigher) S38123

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State of Virginia to wit

At a quarterly Court held for the County of Orange at the Courthouse on Monday the 25th of May 1818 William Knighten aged about sixty-two years and a resident of this County appeared in court this 25th of May 1818, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension allowed by the late 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." That he the said William Knighten enlisted in February 1778 in the sixteenth Virginia Continental Regiment in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain __ Grant of the State of __; that he continued to serve in the said Regiment and in the third Regiment, into which he was placed by some arrangement, (with the particulars of which he is not acquainted) for three years; that he was honorably discharged in Williamsburg in this State, that he has lost his discharge; that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Siege of Charleston [terminating in the surrender of Charleston on May 12, 1780] where he was taken prisoner. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – and that he has no other evidence of his services –

Whereupon it is ordered to be certified that the Court is satisfied that the said William Knighten did serve in the revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy; and that a copy of the said declaration be transmitted to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the above mentioned Act of Congress.

[Attested by Reynolds Chapman, as Clerk of the Orange County court on November 13, 1818]

State of Virginia SS

At a quarterly court continued and held for the County of Orange at the courthouse on Tuesday the 29th of August 1820

On the 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County (being so made by the Constitution and laws of the State) William Knighten, aged 64 years a resident in the said County, 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 February 1778 in the 16th Virginia Continental Regiment in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain __ Grant of the state of __ that he continued to serve in the said Regiment and the 3rd Regiment into which he was transferred by some arrangement (with the particulars of which he is not acquainted) for 3 years; that he was honorably discharged in Williamsburg in this State; that he was in the battle of Monmouth and Siege of Charlestown,

where he was taken prisoner; as set forth in his declaration made in the County Court of Orange on the 25th of May 1818, he has received a pension certificate which is numbered 6807 And 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

A Schedule of the estate of William Knighten with a view to obtain a pension of the United States under the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, 1 common size pot, 1 small Dutch oven, 1 small skillet, 1 water tub, 1 pail, 1 piggin, small barrel, 1 cross leg table, 3 weeding hoes nearly worn out, 2 axes nearly worn out, 1 ditto almost new, 1 cotton wheel, 1 pair cards very much worn, 3 chairs, 1 chest, 1 pair of flat irons, 3 quart basins (pewter), 2 half gallon basins, 1 small dish, half dozen spoons, 1 pewter dish very much worn, 1 quart basin very much worn, 1 earthen dish, 13 earthen plates, 3 small modes, 1 set knives and forks, 4 old case knives and forks, 2 half gallon jugs, 1 butter pot, 2 quart bottles, 2 pint ditto, 15 old books, 3 old razors, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ screw auger nearly worn out, 1 gimblet, 1 drawing knife nearly worn out, 1 small claw hammer, 1 old smooth bore gun, 1 small pitcher, 2 bread trays, \$1.50 due to me from Mordecai Knighten and \$.50 from a slave, and [?] one of twelve dollars per annum for my wages

Signed
William Knighten

I am by trade a miller which I am not able to pursue without assistance, being very infirm, and having been afflicted with a rupture about 12 years, and with the rheumatism. My family consists of my wife named Susanna about 50 years of age, who is very infirm and not able to labor, and a daughter named Lydia about 17 years of old, who is healthy.

Sworn to and declared on the 29th of August 1820 before the County Court of Orange being a court of record.

And it is ordered that a copy of the following certificate which was sworn to in court by Thomas Woolfork, be transmitted to the Secretary of War

"William Knighten has lived at my mill eighteen or twenty years as a miller, he has appeared to be very infirm for some years past, so much so I am obliged to send a hand to assist him frequently though the mill has but a small custom. I find him and his family something to eat and has given him twelve dollars a year for the last six years, except one year of the 6 – I did not give them anything but what he and his family eat.

Signed "Thos. Woolfolk"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]