

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Males: S38168

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Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 20th day of October 1818

John Males aged 74 years & resident in Monroe County personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of Record) who being duly sworn doth upon his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, upon Continental establishment, that he the said John Males enlisted in said service in the year 1777 at Hagerstown in the state of Maryland under Capt. Stull in the 7th Maryland Regiment & first brigade commanded by General [William] Smallwood & continued in said service six years & procured his discharge from General [Nathanael] Greene at Charleston South Carolina, which has since been destroyed by fire & that he faught in the following battles towit, Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 sep 1781], Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Gate's defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], & altho' severely wounded, he never received any pension from our government, & that he is in reduced circumstances in Life, & has no means of supporting himself, & that he has no evidence now in his power to prove his aforesaid services.

I do hereby Certify that John Males formerly a soldier in the Revolutionary Army listed under Daniel Stull Capt in the 7th Maryland Reg't. in June 1777 that he was in the Battles of Brandiwine Germand Town and Munmoth Recved two wounds at German Town a ball then Recv'd. is still in his right shoulder, his left leg much shattered by grape shott was in an affair on Stratand Island [sic: Staten Island NY, possibly the battle there on 21 Aug 1777] was in Gateses defeat had his right leg much shattered at Guilford Recv'd a wound in his right hand at the Euataw Springs and recev'd an an honourable discharge on James Island [South] Carolina in 1783 is now in his 73 year of Age Incapable of obtaining a Support by labour and in Indegent Circumstances. I was well acquainted with him before the Revolutionary Contest and he served under my amediate command part of his time in the Southren Army [see note below] given under my hand this 12th day of Apr 1818.

Christian Orendorff Cat 6th Maryland Reg't. formerly of the Revolutionary Army

Virginia

At a Court of Quarter Session held for the County of Monroe the 17th day of August 1820

On this 17th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County, John Males aged 77 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as a private soldier in the 7th Maryland Regiment Commanded by Colo. John Granby [sic: John Gunby] & in the Company commanded by Christopher Arendolph [sic: Christopher Orendorf] & that he was on the continental line & the date of his original declaration is the 26th day of October 1818 & he has received a certificate of pension numbered 7460.

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 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 persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the united states in 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 that what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed towit all my property was sold by an officer for Debt which was verry trifling & bought by a friend who lent it to my wife & is yet in my possession - except one tin bucket & one wooden bucket. I have no house of my own nor any thing else

except my clothes. I have nothing due me from others except three bushels of wheat which John Fury owes me. I owe to different persons about five dollars & fifty cents. I am unable to work except a little in Gardens. my wife is Old & infirm. we have no children that gives me any support all of whom have left me & are verry poor so as to put it out of their power.
Value of property \$3.00 cts. John hisXmark Males

NOTE: In the application (S38281) for his own pension, Christian Orendorff, mentioned being at only the following places: Harlem Heights (16 Sep 1776), White Plains (28 Oct 1776), surrender of Fort Washington (16 Nov 1776), and capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown (17 Oct 1781).