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Pension Application of John Meeks S38207

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Virginia

At a Monthly Court held for Louisa County on Monday the 11th day of May 1818.

John Meeks this day came into Court, and made oath, that he was a Soldier in the revolutionary War, upon continental establishment, that he belonged to Captain John Anderson's Company in the 2nd Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colonel [John] Green and afterwards by Colonel [Samuel] Hawes, that he enlisted in August 1780 and left the Army the 30th December 1781 and being then duly discharged. He also stated upon Oath that he is needy and Poor, and from his reduced circumstances He needs the assistance of his Country for Support

District of Virginia to wit:

On this 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Louisa John Meeks aged fifty nine years – resident in the said County of Louisa, 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 Hanover County, State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Richardson in the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Samuel Haws in the line of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he has received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818. That the Original declaration was dated the 11th day of May 1818. And that the number of the pension certificate is 6406 – 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 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 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.

The following is a true Schedule of all my estate (necessary cloathing and bedding excepted) One mare, half dozen chairs, two jointers one foot adze – one handsaw – 1 Jack plain – one bead – 1 powell – one coopers axe – one trunk – one chest – half dozen knives & forks – one dozen earthen plates – two pewter dishes, five pewter plates – half dozen cups & saucers – six pint mugs – three pole axes – three hilling hoes – two plough hoes – one inch chisel and one inch & half chisel – four bottles, two jugs – four or five old barrels – one pail – two piggins – one pot – one dutch oven – one coffee pot – I am a farmer by trade but owing to age and infirmities am unable to follow my avocation with any prospect of a support. I have a wife named Elizabeth who is about fifty eight years old and as able as ladies commonly are of her age to contribute to her support – I have four children residing with me namely Charles, Nancy, James & William. Charles is about twenty two years old consequently not under my control. Nancy is about eighteen years old. James is fourteen years old & William is about two years old – and that I have no other family or income.

John hisXmark Meeks

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: John Meeks/ age 18/ height 5 11½/ planter/ born and residing in Hanover County/ hair light brown/ eyes blue/ complexion fair/ enlisted 7 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A letter dated 4 Sep 1820 from Union Mills is signed “John Meeks Sr.”