

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sessions S38362

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District of Georgia SS: On the 20th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Jasper in the Ocmulgee District John Sessions aged 62 years, the 27th day of May last resident in Jasper County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz.: That he entered on the 24th day of September in the year 1775 in Captain Simon Bright's Company in the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina line in the Continental service commanded by Colonel Robert Howe and served in said Regiment and company until the 7th day of November 1776 and then entered in said Regiment in Captain John Hennessee (alias Hennessee's) Company for three years then commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin and on the 7th day of November in the year 1779 was discharged from said service in the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina by Colonel Robert Thaxton [sic, probably Col. James Thackston] who then commanded said Regiment, and that this deponent has made a return before the Honorable Christopher The Strong, Judge of the Ocmulgee District in said State on the 11th day of May 1818 for the last three years service as mentioned above but has not received anything whatever by way of pension.

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, that my occupation is a farmer but from my age measurably unable to pursue that laborous calling that I have a wife Mary Sessions about 68 years old but no other person in my family.

As to my property I have belonging to me the following articles

One Horse	\$100.00
One Cow & calf	12.00
One Sow & Eight Shoats	12.00
Household Furniture	20.00

One note of hand

10.00
\$154.00

which is in substance the amount of all the property I now possess and that I am in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country.

Sworn to before me this 28th of September 1820

S/ John H Montgomery, Judge

S/ John Sessions¹

[Facts on file: The veteran died July 4, 1836; place of death not stated; the file contains no family data other than the name of his wife as set forth above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 20, 1820, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ The handwriting of the signature is identical to the balance of the document which leads me to believe that it is not the signature of the veteran.