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Pension Application of James Snellings S38393

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Commonwealth of Virginia Chesterfield circuit, Towit:

On the fifth day of June in the year 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General court for the Commonwealth of Virginia, assigned to the 5th Judicial circuit, personally appeared James Snellings aged fifty three years, a resident of Chesterfield county who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made 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 James Snellings enlisted in Chesterfield county in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Tapley White [Tarpley White] of the Regiment then commanded by Colo. William Davis [sic: William Davies] in the month of August in the year 1780; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United states untill the last day of December in the year 1781, when he was discharged from service, as will appear by reference to the certificate of enlistment and discharge hereunto annexed; that he was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]; 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 in his power of his said services.

Chesterfield County Sct. I do hereby certify that James Snellings Enlisted under the act of Assembly of Virginia Intitiled an act for Speedily recruiting the quota of this State of the Continental Army [see endnote] which said Snellings Time is to Expire the last Day of December one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one.

August 28th 1780.

John Bott C. Lt. [County Lieutenant]

The Bearer hereof James Snellings Soldier in the first Virginia Detachment and Cap'n Sansums Cmp'y haveing Served untill the Last day of December 1781 the Term for which he was Engaged is hereby Discharged from the Service and we do hereby Certify that he has Behaved as a Brave and Faithful Soldier Given Under our hands this 18 day of January 1782.

Philip Sansum Capt'n

Tho's Edmunds Capt. Comm[andan]t

State of Virginia, Chesterfield county, towit,

On this fifteenth day of August anno Dom one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield (which is a court of record, the act of the Virginia assembly establishing the county courts expressly declaring that they shall be courts of record) James Snellings aged fifty seven years, resident in said county of Chesterfield, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served, in the revolutionary war, in the continental establishment, in the Virginia line, that he enlisted under Cap'n. Tapley White in the county of Chesterfield in the year 1780, and was attached to the Regiment then commanded by Colo. William Davis, as will appear by his declaration made before the Superior court of law for Chesterfield county on the 5th day of June 1818; and his pension certificate is numbered 7600;

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.

Schedule

One horse	valued at	\$20.—
a parcel of old furniture & Lumber. . .		<u>20.—</u>
		\$40.—

I the said James Snellings am by occupation a farmer or planter, I am now, and have been, for the last ten years, in very bad health, and totally unable to perform hard labor, or to do much work of any kind; my family consists, of myself, my wife and six children and three grand children: my wife is a healthy woman and able to support herself; three of my children are sons, the oldest about sixteen years old, the second eleven years old, the third nine years old; the two eldest are sickley and incapable of doing any kind of labor; my other three children are daughters, the eldest is about thirty five years old, and is a tolerably healthy woman, the second is about twenty five years old and is healthy, the third is twelve years old and is healthy: my three grand children are about three years, twenty months and three months old.

I am indebted to sundry persons about forty four dollars.

James Snellings

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James Snallen/ age 16/ height 5' 4"/ planter/ born and residing in Chesterfield County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 28 Aug 1780 for 18 months.

An act for speedily recruiting the Virginia regiments on continental establishment enacted Oct 1778 originally specified that for every 25 soldiers in each county militia not already engaged in active service, one would be enlisted in the Continental line for 18 months service.