

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sullivan S38410

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Declaration, in order to be placed on the Pension list, under the Act of the 18th of March, 1818.

County of Prince William SS [Virginia]

On this 5th day of July 1830, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, John Sullivan, resident in said County, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said John Sullivan enlisted for the term of two years on the __day of November in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Michael Bowyer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until November 1778 when he was discharged from service near West Point in the State of New York; on being discharge he immediately joined Colonel George Gibson's 1st Regiment Virginia State Troops as a substitute and was entitled to all the privileges of a three years service – again discharged at Alexandria in February 1780. In March 1781 he served a tour of Militia duty of three months. And in April 1782 enlisted at Little York Virginia in Captain Henry Margan's Company of regular Artillery attached to the French Army under Count Rochambeau and was discharged in Boston in April 1783, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State, except Virginia, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: That he has been under the impression that his property although small would debar him: that until within a few years he felt strong and able to work, but is now deaf and infirm from Rheumatism: that he one [sic, once] spoke to Mr. Mercer the representative from the County on the subject but never heard from him afterwards. And, in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 since the 18th of March 1818, no changes have been made by sale or otherwise of my property.

Sworn to and declared on the 5th of July 1830 before the County Court of Prince William
S/ John Sullivan, Senr:

Schedule of the property of John Sullivan an applicant for a Pension

Vizt. 104 acres of Poor stony land in Prince William County that would not sell for more than \$1 per acre	\$104.00
one horse 11 years old worth about	20.00
5 cows value \$35 four calves \$6	41.00
2 old worn-out shovel ploughs	1.00
3 old hoes .50 3 old tables \$1.75	2.25
6 old split bottom chairs	1.25
4 old pots & 2 old ovens	2.50
old water Tubs and piggins	<u>.25</u>
	\$172.25

His occupation a Farmer his age and infirmities disabled him from pursuing it as formerly. He has 7 in family as follows Vizt.

1. Ann Sullivan his wife aged 70 years not capable of supporting herself.
2. Catharine Smoote his daughter a widow aged 35 years incapable from affliction for several years past render any assistance to the family and not capable of supporting herself.
3. William Henry Smoote, her son aged 6 years.
4. Ann Sullivan his daughter aged 33 years
5. Charles C Sullivan aged 40 not capable of supporting himself owing to an alienation of his mind being in a slight degree removed from a State of Idiocy.
6. Zebulon Sullivan a boy 11 years old not capable of supporting himself.
7. John Sullivan (the applicant) aged 73 years.

S/ John Sullivan, Senr:"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 24, 1830, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]