

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sitton S39073

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The Memorial of William Sitton, a citizen residing in Green County in the State of Tennessee setteth forth – that in the year 1774, he served as a militia man and was at the Battle of the Point near the Ohio River fought with and against the Delawares, Shawnees and other Indians; at which battle Colonel Charles Sevier [?]¹, Major Guilds [?]², and several other officers and privates were killed – That he the memorialists afterwards enlisted as a private Soldier with John Lapsly [John Lapsley] who then was an Ensign in Captain Thomas Posey's Company in the 7th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment for the term of two years – that he continued in said Company and in said Regiment during the time said Regiment was in active service in Virginia against Lord Dunmore and his troops – that he afterwards marched with said Regiment early in the year 1777 to the northward and was at the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] – and after the said Battle the said term of two years having Expired, this memorialists reenlisted in the same company, in the said Regiment for the term of three years – during which term this memorialists faithfully served as a private Soldier in said Company & Regiment – which continued terms of service amounted to five years – this memorialists having suffered great fatigue and his health being considerably impaired during said service at the expiration of said term returned home to Virginia – this memorialists states that he afterwards joined as a militia man in several tours of duty against the enemy, the British in Virginia; that he was wounded in the head – that he afterwards was at the Siege of York in the company of Militia commanded by Captain John Lewis [?]³ – and was present when Cornwallis with his Army was captured [October 19, 1781] – this memorialists states that he is now [indecipherable word, could be 'progressing?'] in the seventy fourth year of his age – that he has raised a family of children, who are all married and gone from him – that he is left with his wife who is also far advanced in years – that he is infirm as well by age and infirmity, as by the effects of the wound in his head, is without property to support him, and in Indigent Circumstances – he states that he faithfully served as a private Soldier during the said term of five years in the Army of the United States on the Continental Establishment, besides several tours of duty as a Militia man, as above mentioned, in the time of the Revolutionary War between the United States of America and Great

1 *Col Charles Sevier*
2 *Major Guilds*
3 *John Lewis*

Britain – and he now prays that he during the residue of the term of his life in this world, maybe allowed the sum of \$8 per month – pursuant to a late act of Congress providing support for the Officers and Soldiers of the United States, on Continental establishment, who served nine months or more – in the said War in the Army of the United States of America, and this memorialists well ever be grateful to his Country for the said support in his old age [indecipherable word or words]⁴ man high degree helpless and infirm in consequence of services rendered by him in aiding to establish the Independence and freedom of Self Government of his Country the United States of America.

S/ W. Sitton



[attested September 9, 1818]

State of Tennessee Greene County: On the 25th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of their proceedings, also having power of Fine and Imprisonment, for the County and State aforesaid – William Sitton aged seventy-eight 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 May 1820. That he the said William Sitton enlisted for the term of two years in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Posey in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Mceleheny [Alexander McClanachan] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the two years then reenlisted for the Term of three years in the said line and under the same officers and continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the three years when he was Discharge from the service in Botetourt County in the State of Virginia. That he was in the Battles of Germantown, Chestnut hills [? Chestnut Hill Ridge, December 6, 1777, part of the Battle of White Marsh], at the siege of York taking Corn Wallis and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own Oath, 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

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1 Mare 1 Saddle	15.00
2 Cows 1 Heifer	25.00
1 Sow 5 shoats 2 Barrows	12.50
2 Geese 20 Dunghill Fowls	2.25

⁴ *Longland*

Dresser Furniture pots & Ovens	14.75
1 Axe 1 Mattock 5 chears [chairs?]	3.00
1 Spinning wheel 1 chest	6.50
1 Table 28 Baskets	12.50
3 [illegible] 2 Kegs 2 Bedmats	3.50
1 Set [illegible] 1 Drawing knife	1.50
1 plough 1 Geres 1 shovel & hand [indecipherable]	5.75
3 bottles 2 Riddles	1.50
2 Weeding Hoes cutting box & knife	<u>2.75</u>
	\$106.50

William Sitton aged seventy-nine years occupation a Basket maker and unable to support his Family his wife Susannah Sitton aged seventy-four years 1 Grand Daughter named Susannah Sitton aged six years –

William Sitton applied under the Act of the 18th of March 1818 – and obtained a certificate bearing date the 17th of November 1818 NO. 4.429 S/ Wm Sitton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 9th, 1819 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]