

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Courtney S39346 VA
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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 15th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Fauquier County State and District of Virginia personally appeared Samuel Courtney resident in the said County and District 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 Samuel Courtney enlisted as a common soldier in the year 1776 in the County of Caroline and State of Virginia in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Gillison of the 10th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment and of the County of Culpeper and State aforesaid, that he served in this company three years the period of his enlistment and that at the end of this term enlisted under the same Captain to serve as a common soldier during the war, at Middle Brook [sic: Middlebrook] in New Jersey and that he remained in the service until the end of the war that he received a discharge at Richmond which he has long since lost, that he was in the Battles of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], Paulus Hook [19 aug 1779], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] at the seige of Charleston 29 Mar - 12 May 1780 and in a Battle against the Indians near Savannah in Georgia [either at Sharon on 24 May 1782 or at Ebenezer on 23 Jun 1782] that he is in reduced circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his services except the annexed affidavits of Joseph Blackwell [pension application S37781] and the certificate of Gen. John Blackwell whose affidavit he cannot with convenience obtain on account of witness being a cripple and unable to ride

Virginia Fauquier County 27th March 1818

I do certify that Samuel Courtney served as Soldier in the Army of the Revolution from the commencement to the termination thereof, principally in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, first in the tenth Virginia, second in the Third Virginia Regiment and was taken prisoner at Charles Town, and when exchanged he served with Capt. Alexander Parker in the Southern department to the end of the war. He is old and poor and well deserves the support of Government. John Blackwell

Late a Capt. in the 3^d Virgi'a Reg't on
Continental Establishment

Fauquier County, State and District of Virginia

On this 13th September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier a part of the tenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia made a court of Record by law possessed of the powers of fine and imprisonment and proceeding according to the Common law with Jurisdiction unlimited in Amount, Samuel Courtney aged between Sixty four and Sixty five years resident in said County and Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he first enlisted under Captain Alexander Dick of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County Virginia for the Term of Two years on Continental establishment, that before he had served actively any part of that term he procured another man to take his place and was discharged himself, that he then enlisted for the Term of Three years under Lieutenant Brock at Fredericksburg also, that he was marched to the north and there attached to a Company of Musketry Commanded by Captain John Gillison, of the 10th Virginia Regiment that before his term of three years expired he enlisted at Middle Brooke in New Jersey during the war and was still commanded by Captain Gillison who marched him to the South that he was taken prisoner at Charleston with his Captain

Gillison, that when he was discharged from his captivity he served under Captain Alexander Parker of Virginia and was in the Service from the time of his first enlistment until the end of the War, that he was in the Battles of Stony Point, Powlers Hook Germantown and the Siege of Charleston, that he made his original declaration before the Hon. Robert White that he has received his pension up to the 4th March 1820 that his certificate of pension is dated 22nd December 1818 and numbered 5.016.

And I Samuel Courtney 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 – a joint interest in three Horses one Twenty years old, Seven head of Cattle including three calves 12 Sheep he has belonging to himself solely, 3 benches one old oak CupBoard 3 Puter Plates 1 Fork 1 Case knife 1 Iron Pot 1 Broken Oven, and 2 puter Spoons, the Stock of Horses are kept by his brother the owner of the other half. He the aforesaid Samuel Courtney employs himself as a Sawyer, he is hired at a stated price to pursue this business, that from inability and age he is obliged to give a part of his wages to a young man to help him, that he has neither wife nor children to help him, that his support is very narrow and insufficient for ordinary Comfort, and that without the aid of his Country he must from necessity be placed on the Parish List.

Samuel hisXmark Courtney