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Pension Application of Valentine Cunningham S39390

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State of Tennessee

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of September in the year 1820 before the honorable the Circuit Court held for the County of Roane at the Court-house in Kingston being a court of record by having general common law jurisdiction and specially made so by an act of Assembly of said State and having power to fine and imprison – personally appeared Valentine Cunningham aged upward of sixty five years being a resident of the county aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: That he the said Valentine Cunningham enlisted for the term of Twelve months on 19th day of February in the year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Cunningham in the regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker [BLWt525-500] being the first regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the end of his said term of enlistment when he was discharged from said service in Middlebrook in New Jersey; that he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & several other skirmishes and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services

And in pursuance of the said Act of May 1st 1820 the said Valentine Cunningham solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. The said Schedule is as follows: Two hogs. two small pots. Two dutch ovens. Three pewter plates. one pewter bason four weeding hoes. two ploughs. Three axes. two augers. one hand saw. one plane four chissels one gouge. three chairs. one grubbing hoe. four small sums due by account from four several persons amounting in all to Three dollars 65 cents in the above articles his necessary cloathing & bedding excepted total \$27.40

The said Valentine Cunningham further states that he is by occupation a Blacksmith but has lately pursued the trade of Waggon making. that owing to his age and infirmities he is now unable to persue either business in a manner so as to afford him support being particularly disabled by a rupture of his bowels; That the family now residing with him are his present wife named Francis lately Frances Lahon aged 36 years & the children of said Francis by her former husband West Lahon deceased towit: Hugh Lahon aged 16 William Lahon about 12 years old David Lahon about 10 years old. and Martin Cunningham son of said Frances by her present husband the said Valentine Cunningham and being upward of one year old. That the said Frances the wife and her son Hugh are the only ones of his said family of Capasity to procure their own support, except a daughter of said Valentine by a former wife which daughter is named Rhoda is one of said family and also able to procure her own subsistance. Sworn to in open court before me on the day and year above written Valentine Cunningham

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[Several illegible words]

County of Roane [several undeciphered words] Six September 1830 personally appeared before me John Wiley an acing Justice of the peace in and for s'd County Valentine Cunningham of s'd County, and in order to obtain a Warrant for land in pursuance of the Law of Virginia, made the following declaration, to

wit, that he enlisted in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Cunningham in the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Parker, being the first Reg't in the Virginia Line, on the Continental Establishment; and that he was honorably discharged at Middlebrook in New Jersey. that he now draws a Pension from the United States for his services in the Revolutionary war; but that he has never drew a Land warrant for s'd services.

Sworn to and	}	Valentine Cunningham
Subscribed before	}	attest
me the date above	}	John Wiley justis of peace for Roane County

NOTE: A document in the file states that Valentine Cunningham died on 17 October 1832.