

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Curtis S39392

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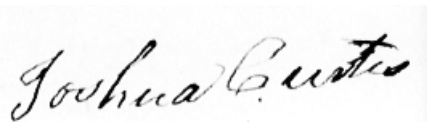
District of West Tennessee

On the 10th day of April 1818 Joshua Curtis came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States that he may receive the benefit of the provisions of an Act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," And after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he hath not heretofore been allowed any pension by any law of the United States or state government and further saith that he longed to the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war in Captain John Armstrong's Company in the Continental line from North Carolina as a soldier in the year 1775 & some time afterwards was discharged having served more than nine months and in the year 1777 join the Army again as an Ensign in Captain John Nelson's Company of the North Carolina Continental line and served about six months as such and was promoted to a second Lieutenant in Captain Micajah Lewis' Company and was promoted after the battle of German Town [Germantown] to a first Lieutenant and served as first Lieutenant five or six months and resigned at the Valley Forge and that he served as a soldier and as an Officer aforesaid two years and one hundred twenty-five days.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Joshua Curtis



The said Joshua Curtis further maketh oath that he is in his 68th year and in very great need of aid from Government, having little or no property.

Sworn to before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

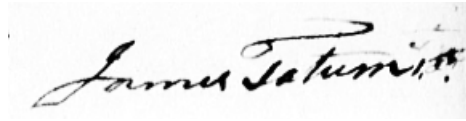
S/ Joshua Curtis

On the 11th April 1818 James Tatum¹ of the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee came before me and made oath that he knew the above named Joshua Curtis in the revolutionary Army, and that he was an Officer of the grade of Ensign, but does not particularly

¹ [James Tatum S39102](#)

recollect of his being promoted to a lieutenancy but is inclined to believe that when he left the Army he was a Lieutenant. And that the said Joshua Curtis now resides in the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee and is reputed to be a very poor old man.

S/ James Tatum

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Tatum". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

On the 19th of May 1818 the before named Joshua Curtis came before me and made oath that when he resigned at the Valley Forge aforesaid, he delivered his commission to General George Washington, and that he does not know where it is.

Sworn to before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Joshua Curtis

[A note in the file indicates the soldier died Nov. 28, 1818.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 10th, 1818, for his service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.]