

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Emmons S39495                      VA  
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At a court held for Bath county at the court House on the Eleventh day of August 1818 Peter Emmons came into court and being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted into the service of the United States in the year 1776 under Captain Richard Campbell and was attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Mughlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] for two years at the expiration of said Term he enlisted under Capt Croghn [sic: William Croghan] for and during the War that he was in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and several others, and was with that part of the army that was besieged and taken at Charlestown in South Carolina [Charleston, 12 May 1780], and was discharged at the end of the war by Capt Alexander Parker under whom he last served which discharge he has lost. Whereupon John Harnest [pension application W7682] a witness came into court and being sworn saith that Peter Emmons above mentioned did enlist during the revolutionary war in the service of the united states he believes served for about seven years, and that said Emmons is aged, and in reduced and indigent circumstances it therefore appears to the court that said Peter Emmons is intitled to the aid of his country

Circuit Court of Rockbridge County SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 Peter Emmons personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said county in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Virginia aged sixty six resident in said County of Rockbridge who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows he Enlisted under Richard Campbell eighth Virginia Regiment Virginia line the Regiment was commanded by Peter Mulenburg Coln Lieut Coln Abram Bowman [Abraham Bowman] that he served About seven years in the regular service of the united states during the revolution or during the war that he made his original declaration on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818 and received a pension Certificate from the secretary of war of the United states dated 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1819 Number 10574 and I Peter Emmons do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 I am a labourer by profession but unable by age & Infirmity to pursue it so as to maintain myself that I have no family nor any person to whom I can look for a maintainance but my Country

Peter Emmons

Schedule no property except wearing apperl no debts due me except about thirty dollars of a doubtful debt due me for labour from John Harnest

Peter Emmons

[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Rockbridge County to wit, January 8<sup>th</sup> 1820

The following affidavits were this day taken before me John Montgomery a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Viz.

Peter Emmons a citizen fo the County of Bath and State of Virginia came before me and being first duly sworn saith that he first enlisted for two years in the County of Shenadore [sic: Shenandoah, named Dunmore County until 1778] under Capt. Rich'd Campbell a regular officer of the Revolution and served the whole time of his then enlistment. After that he saith he enlisted under Capt. Wm. Caughran during

the war and then served to the end of the war and after peace was made got his discharge of Col. Nevell [sic: John Nevill] fourth Virginia Regm't. Any further he saith not.

Peter hisXmark Emmons

John Harnest Sen. citizen of Rockbridge County & State aforesaid came before me, John Montgomery a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and after being first sworn saith that he and the aforesaid Peter Emmons were raised in County of Shanadore and he was acquainted with s'd. Emmons for several years before he enlisted and saith he knew s'd. Peter Emmons first enlisted and served under Col. Mullenburg and then enlisted during the war and he saw him during the latter enlistment, on a furlow for three months and frequently heard of him when he was in service any further he saith not

[signed] John Harnest