

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Witt S39893

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At a Quarterly Sessions Court continued & held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Wednesday the 19th of August 1818

Present in Court William Gray, William Bowling, Benjamin Anderson & William Guerrant
Gentlemen Justices

On this 19th day of August 1818 personally appeared in court Jesse Witt, aged 52 years, resident in the County of Goochland, and State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his corporal 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 Jesse Witt, enlisted as a private Soldier under Captain Robert Woodson in the County of Goochland & State of Virginia in the year 1781 or 1782 for three years and belonged to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for and during the term of fourteen months, when he was discharged in the County of Goochland as he understood by the proclamation of the Governor of Virginia the war being closed that he was in no battles during his service. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power except the affidavits of Philip Pleasants & Isaac W Pleasants which are here filed, sworn to and declared before the County Court of Goochland which is a Court of record – the day and year aforesaid, and it is ordered by the Court aforesaid to be certified that from the Court's own knowledge that the said Jesse Witt is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support as stated by himself and that it appears to its satisfaction that the said Jesse Witt did serve in the revolutionary War as stated in the foregoing declaration against the common enemy for the term of 9 months on the Continental establishment and does now transmit the proceedings had before it to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress – [Attested October 27, 1818 by William Miller, Clerk of court]

In a monthly Sessions Court held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 16th of October 1820

Present in Court, William Gray, George S Smith, Andrew Kean & Joseph S Watkins Gentlemen Justices

On this 16th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County of Goochland, Isaac Witt, aged 54 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, that he the said Jesse Witt, enlisted as a private soldier under Captain Robert

Woodson in the County of Goochland & State of Virginia in the year 1781 or 1782 for 3 years & belonged to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for & during the term of 14 months when he was discharged in the County of Goochland as he understood by the proclamation of the Governor of Virginia the war being closed, that he was in no battles during his service, that he made a declaration to this effect before this court on the 19th of August 1818 & in consequence thereof received a certificate for a pension dated 22nd day of July 1819 & marked 12597 & 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; A Schedule of the estate of Jesse Witt, a revolutionary Soldier & pensioner, to wit:

1 Table 50¢, 6 chairs 2.00, 3 dishes 1.50, 6 earthen & 6 pewter plates 1.50	\$6.50
knives & forks 1.25, cups & saucers 6 table & 6 pewter tea spoons 2.42	3.67
1 Chest 1.00, 1 large pot 2.00, 1 dutch oven 1.50, tea kettle 1.50	6.00
Axes chisels hoes &c \$7, 2 pitchers 50¢, 2 Tumblers 25¢	<u>7.75</u>
	\$23.92

Jesse Witt's family 8 – himself aged 54, he follows plow making, he lives on rented land & tolerably able to pursue his trade, his wife Elizabeth aged about 44 years complains of Rheumatism but able to pursue her house business, daughter Polly 17 years old & Elizabeth 15 years old, able to do house business, son Samuel 7 years old, Henna 5 years old, Susannah 3 years old, Thomas 1 ½ years old, the 4 last young & unable to assist by laboring.

S/ J. Witt

Sworn to and declared on the 16th day of October 1820 before the court aforesaid.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 19, 1818 for 14 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]