

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Sutch S40535

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Cumberland County Ss

State of Pennsylvania

On this fifteenth day of May AD 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Common Pleas for the County and State aforesaid which proceeds according to the course of the Common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a record of its proceedings, George Sutch aged sixty seven years who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the eighteenth day of March AD 1818 and the first of May AD 1820 that he the said George Sutch (now residing in Perry County and State of Pennsylvania) enlisted in October AD 1775 with captain George Gibson in Pittsburg in the State aforesaid for the term of one year that he was exchanged by his Captain with Captain John Neville, and he served out the term for which he was enlisted with Captain Neville at Pittsburg by whom he was discharged which discharge he had for eighteen years but lost it. Deponent further states that he was farming about Pittsburg in September 1777 and the indians attacked the inhabitants at their ploughs and drove the into the fort and that he then enlisted again for three years with Captain Henry Heath [sic: Henry Heth, pension application VAS456] who commanded one of the three companies called independant companies – attached to no Regement one of which was stationed at Fort McIntosh commanded by Capt James O'Hara the second at Wheeling and the third to which deponant belonged was stationed at Pittsburg & commanded by Captain Henry Heath Deponant says that he remained at Pittsburg untill his time of service which was three years expired and that his Captain went away and left his company and never discharged them and that he remained there doing duty from September 1780 at which time his period of enlistment expired untill July 1781 without any pay or clothing and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the attached certificates and depositions

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 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 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.

Schedule of the real & personal property to which deponant is in any manner entitled.

one Cow & one calf

6 sheep

half of a waggon

1 sow and pigs

some small household furniture to wit

Signed George Sutch

1 pot & one bed

1 case Drawers

6 chairs

1 table walnut

George Sutch the declarant is a carpenter by trade, he has not been able to follow it for a living for many years, part from his inability to follow, declarant is so infirm that he cannot now support himself, declarants wife is sixty five years of age and lives with him, his wife and two unmarried daughters constitute his family

[signed] Geo. Sutch

I do hereby certify, that I knew the bearer George Sutch serving as a soldier in Captain Henry Heath's Company in the year 1777 In the first Revolution between Great Britain and America
Given under my hand December 10th 1814[?] Sam'l Ewalt [Samuel Ewalt]

this is to Certefy that George Such Did Serve as a Corporal in Capt. John Nevels Company for one year in 1775 & 76 and waas Regularly Discharged in october 76 then under Capt. Henry Heath from Sept 77 to the year 80 as a Sergeant & Serg'nt Major then I left the Service and I know not how much longer he Serv'd. Given under my hand this 17th Day of Novem'r 1816 William Boniface Sr

Pennsylvania Ss

Before me the subscriber President of the Courts of Common Pleas of the fifth Judicial District personally appeared Jacob Spring [S40459] formerly a Lieutenant in the army of the Revolution who being duly cautioned and sworn doth depose and say that he was well acquainted with George Sutz who formerly served as a Sergeant in the army of the Revolution. That he served in that character in the Ninth Virginia Regiment in the line of the army two years and upwards at one period – and further he saith not Sworn & Subscribed the 1st May 1820 Jacob Springer

Perry County SS

Personley came before me one of the Justis of the peace in & for said County, John Smiley, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with a certain George Such of tyrone township in s'd county and that dep't heard s'd George say that he had been in the revolutionary war and that he had deserted from it, and that s'd George gave his reason for deserting from the army, that after he said George had served out the time that he had enlisted for and that the wanted him to continue in the army by inlisting again in the service, and that he would not. And further saith that said George is, or, was the owner of a plantation or tract of land in said township, and that dep't believes that said farm would be fully sufficient to suport said George withot aney further ade, and that s'd George is harty & healthy man of his age –

Sworn & sub'd before me the 4th day of December 1823 [signed] John Smiley
Jacob Stroop

Perry County SS

Personley appeared before me one of the justics of the peace in & for said county David Smiley, who being duley sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he this deponant hath an article of an agreement in his posesion deposeted in his case, and that said agreement is between Thomas Such (the son of George Such) and George Such both of tyrone township in said county, conveying unto the Thomas a certain Tract of land in s'd Township & reserving the house & garden for his said use during his & his wifes natural life on said place. Also one third of all the grain to be deliv'd in the bushel, one third of the hay & one third of the apples – on said place, and after the death of said George and his wife said Thomas is to pay certain legacies to certain persons mentioned in s'd agreement to the amount of three hundred Dollars, and further saith that he this dep't had a conversation with said George and s'd George told dep't that he drew a Pension from the United Stats as a pentioner from the, revolutionary war for service done in s'd war, and dep't further beleives that if said farm was maneged in a proper manner that it would mintain said George & his familey of the one third part of sid farm

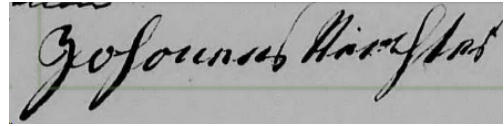
Sworn & sud before me the 4th day of December 1823 [signed] David Smiley
Jacob Stroop

Perry County SS

Personley came before me one of the Justice of the peace in & for said county John Righter who being

duly sworn according to law depose & saith, that he is well acquainted with a certain George Such pensioner, of tyrone township s'd county and that dep't is well acquainted with the farm where he said Such resides which contains about one hundred & fifty acers, with about seventy acers of clear'd land & under good improvement, with a sawmill, two dwelling houses, ortched, barn, smithshop and other out houses necessary for said farm, and the one third of the profits of said farm is fully suficient to suport said Such & famley deacentley and that said Such is a harty and able bodeyd man & is a carpenter by occupation

Sworn & sub'd before me the 20th day of December 1823
Jacob Stroop

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Such". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

Landisburg December 24th 1823

Sir [Hon. John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War] Enclosed you have the depositions of a number of individuals neighbours of George Such, a Pensioner. The object is not to deprive Mr Such of a pension if he is justly entitled to it, we are well aware of the merit due those who have spilt their blood in defence of our liberties, and that if they are in want, that it is the duty of Government to support them, and thus cherish the principles of freedom which ought to be instilled into every american bosom – but we [few words missing] distinguish between the deserving and undeserving between the needy and the rich, and not suffer the rich to take advantage of that Law which was only designed for the poor and destitute – and they enrich an heir at the expense of the Government, and that in direct Contravention of her laws. I humbly conceive from the facts disclosed in the enclosed depositions George Such, is not entitled to a pension, and it is the opinion of all those who are acquainted with him and his circumstances, and that it will be a needless sacrifice of the public money to continue him on the pension list. His farm is one of the best in his neighbourhood. Should any further proof be necessary with respect to his property, you will please inform me, what it will be, as I conceive I shall be able to satisfy you that he is not entitled to a pension, by more than 20 witnesses if necessary, and by a certified copy of his title and of the agreement between him and his son, but I though it not necessary to go to the expense of it – but should you deem it necessary – It will be done – Should anything more be necessary, I would be pleased to know what it was as early as possible

Yours with due Respect/ Robt Wilson

State of Pennsylvania
Westmoreland County Ss

Before me one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County personally appeared Jacob Byrely [sic: Jacob Byerly S22672] of said County who being duly sworn according to Law depose & saith that he was well acquainted with George Sutch a Sergeant in an Independent company of enlisted soldiers under the command of Captain Heath who done Garrison duty at Fort Pitt in the State of Pennsylvania. That this deponant served three years in said company from 1777 to 1780 that the aforsaid George Sutch served all that time in said company & still remained in service when this deponant was discharged & further saith not.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 6th day of November AD 1828

[signed] Jacob Byerly

City of Pittsburgh Ss

Before me an Alderman in and for said city personally came Abraham Booker [Abraham Bucher (Booher, Booker) W3651] to me well known as a man of veracity and being duly sworn according to Law doth depose and say That he well knew George Sutch in the Army of the Revolution that he knew from 1778 to the year 1780 in the 8th Penn'a Regiment under Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] & under Captain Heath in this place then called Fort Duquesne that said George Sutch acted as an Orderly Sergeant in said Company and when this Deponent left the Company he left the said George Sutch in the

above capacity but how long he continued he knows not – Sworn & Subscribed before me Nov'r 7 1828
Abraham hisXmark Booker

H.R [House of Representatives]/ 9 Decm 1828

To Honbl P. B Porter [Peter Buell Porter, Secretary of War] Esqr

Since last winter I made some inquiry into the Particulars of Geo Such who was formely on the pension list & stricken off for reasons filed with pension office and have come to the conclusion that the depositions filed proceeded from personal hostility to the said Such & I do [eight illegible words] depositions it would be but an act of Justice to restore George such to his pension

The depositions are not authenticated but I can get the certificates of the Honble Mr Stevinson[?] & Coulter to the signatures of Lowrie & Irwin

I hope you will feel yourself justified in doing what I request

Yours Respectfully/ W Ramsay

[A note on the envelope reads "suspension removed 12 Dec 1828."

NOTE:

George Sutch is listed as a Sergeant on the roll of Henry Heth's company at Fort Pitt on 5 April 1778 (revwarapps.org/b128.pdf).

On 8 Dec 1821 Sutch made a declaration essentially identical to the above except that he was said to be 63.