

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sutton S41223

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At a Court held for bath County on the 12th of May 1818

Joseph Sutton came into court and being duly sworn deposed and saith that in the year 1780 he enlisted into the Service of the United States as a Substitute for Abner Hamilton a Soldier under Thomas Ransdale [possibly a mistaken reference to Thomas Ransdell] to serve for the Term of eighteen months that he was attached to the 4th Virginia [sic, 2nd Virginia Regiment] Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes] and was discharged after serving the time aforesaid at Saulsberry [Salisbury] at North Carolina that he has lost his discharge by the burning of his house. It further appears to the court that the said Joseph Sutton is in indigent circumstances and is entitled to the aid of his country.

[Attested by Charles L. Francisco, clerk of the Bath County Virginia court August 1, 1818]

At a Court held for Bath County at the Court House on the 10th of October 1820

Joseph Sutton personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record aged about ninety years and being duly sworn according to law doth declare that he enlisted in the service of the United States during the revolutionary War in the year 1780 as a Substitute for Abner Hamilton a Soldier under Thomas Rainsdale [?] to serve for the Term of 18 months that he was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [probably Col. Samuel Hawes] and was discharged at the expiration of the time of his enlistment at Saulsberry [Salisbury] in North Carolina that he was in the Battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Camden [probably, Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] and the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1791] and did do solemnly swear 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 whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me 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 in the following words

A List of Joseph Sutton's Property

one small Horse

two small cows & calves

six head of sheep

Jos. Sutton

Bath County to wit

This day came Joseph Sutton before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made

oath that the within Schedule contains a true list of his property. Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1820.

S/ Alexander McClintic [sic ?]

That he has a laborer and has seven children the oldest about 16 years, who is a daughter and is a cripple. The number of his pension warrant is 6393. It is the opinion of the Court that the property contained in the said Schedule is worth \$70. All of which is ordered to be certified. [Attested by Charles L. Francisco, Clerk of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Bath County Court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]