

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Knapp S41735

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State of Ohio Pickaway County: SS

This day personally came before me John Knapp aged fifty-seven years as he says, now residing in Pickaway County in the State of Ohio who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provisions made by the late Act of Congress passed the 18th day of March in the year of our Lord 1818 entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" to wit That he the said John Knapp enlisted into Captain William Voss' [perhaps William Vause's] Company in the ninth Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in General Woodford's Brigade in the Virginia line on Continental establishment at Hampshire County in said State of Virginia sometime in the spring of the year 1777 as a fifer to serve during the Revolutionary War – That he served out the full period of the time for which he was enlisted faithfully & was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh sometime in the summer of the year 1783 – that about two years after his enlistment Captain Voss left the Army & the said John Knapp was then transferred & served in Captain Uriah Springer's Company until discharged – That he served as a fifer only a few months & preferring the service of a private soldier was permitted to enter the ranks as such, & so served until discharged. – That he served actively in the battles of the White Plains [October 28, 1776] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777], & at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General [name too faint to discern but probably is a reference to General Anthony Wayne who commanded at the taking of Stony Point] as a light Infantry man, that he was also in the battles at Germantown [October 4, 1777], at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & at Yorktown and in an expedition against the Indians at the burning of Coshocton an Indian town in this State near to Pittsburgh. That his discharge is destroyed by a fire which burnt his house, and all the effects therein – that he is now in very reduced circumstances in life & needs the aid of his country for a comfortable support.

S/ John Knapp, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1819

S/ Wm Seymour

The State of Ohio Pickaway County: SS

On this day to wit the 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Pickaway County aforesaid (it being a court of record) John Knapp aged sixty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th

March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said John Knapp enlisted as a fifer for the term of and during the War in the month of May 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Wass [sic] he was transferred into Captain Uriah Springer's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson where he served until sometime in the year 1783 when he was discharged from said Service in Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania. Also that he was in the battle of Monmouth, in the battle of Brandywine, in the battle of Germantown and the battle at Stony Point and also that he was in a battle with the Indians at Coshocton Town in the State of Ohio also that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except what is now in the War Office.

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 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 to wit – one mare – one cow – one year old calf – one suckling calf, six shoats, four hogs, one sow and five pigs all worth \$52 And his family consist of himself by occupation a laborer very infirm able to work but little his wife aged sixty-four years nearly helpless and one aged twenty-four years a confirmed Idiot from his Nativity residing with him and has no support except furnished by his father.

S/ John Knapp, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 28, 1819, for service as a fifer for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]