

[p7] State of Ohio
GalliaCounty

Court of Common Pleas Oct 13th 1826

On this 13th day of October 1826 personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in open court, the same being a Court of Record for the County of Gallia in the State aforesaid John Entsminger resident in the County of Meigs in said state aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration (supplementary to his declarations made in this court on the 25th day of June A.D. 1818) in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress on the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said John Entsminger in the month of October 1776 enlisted at Kenney's Fort in the County of Greenbriar now County of Monroe in the Commonwealth of Virginia under Lieut James Gilmore for the term of two years and was enrolled in Capt William McKee's company, which company was attached to the 12th Regiment of the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment as this declarant believes and which he thinks was commanded by Col Gibson but the said John Entsminger saith that he cannot speak with certainty concerning the Regiment and its commander for the following – that at the time of his enlistment he was serving as a volunteer in a small garrison at said Fort Kenney and was there enlisted and marched directly to the mouth of the Great Kenawha [sic] where two companys [sic] were stationed one commanded by Capt. Arbuckle the senior officer and the other by Capt McKee where he served for two years when he was discharged by Capt Arbuckle at the expiration of his term of service. That he never

[p8] joined his regiment and that the colonel never visited the garrison where he was stationed to his knowledge. And the said John Entsminger hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present- that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. That he made application for a pension immediately after making his declaration above mentioned and that he has with difficulty supported himself since and that he is now so reduced by poverty and disease as to be wholly unable to provide a comfortable support for himself and wife. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st 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 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 18th 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. My occupation is that of farming and my family consists of myself and wife, aged sixty eight years and in very infirmed health they having been both of greatly debilitated by sickness for the last four years.

The property of which I am now possessed is as follows to wit:

Besides the necessary beds and bedding-

1 Bureau value ten dollars, 12 old pewter plated worth \$2.50, 1 cupboard value \$15, 6 cups value 37 ½ cents, six old knives and forks value 37 ½ cents, 1 pair of Andirons value one dollar, two chests worth 3 dollars, 1 set of old chairs worth two dollars, 2 pots and one kettle worth five dollars, 1 shovel plough \$1.50, two pair chains \$1.25, 1 collar worth 50 cents, two clevis and double haim \$1.50, 3 old hoes \$1.50, 1 ax \$1.50, 1 grubbing hoe \$1, and that I have no other property

The said John Entsminger further saith that it is not in his power from want of recollection to enumerate the various articles of property signed [?] by him in the year 1818 or the changes that have since been made- that he was then in indigent circumstances and that his little property has been appropriated as well as his earnings used to the support of himself and wife, paying his debts incurred by sickness and other necessary expenses. John Entsminger x his mark

[Routine Gallia County certification and supporting statements:

Appraisal of property set value at \$48.

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Francis Leclerq, clk cc f G.C.

[p29-30 A deposition by David Rees 17Dec1819 in Gallia Co OH before William Preston J.P. that he was a neighbor in Greenbriar Co VA to John Entsminger and witnessed his service as a soldier consistent with Entsminger's declaration.]

[p34 A deposition by Elijah Russel [sic] 24Jul1818 in Gallia Co OH before Anth^y Maguet J.P. that he served with John Entsminger for two years at Fort McIntosh under Capt. Arbuckle.]

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This deponent further states, that, _____ [missing upper margin]

At said fort, in October 1778 to the best of this deponent's recollection, and were paid their wages in money species by congress called continental money. s/ William Arbuckle

[Routine Gallia County OH certifications December 25th 1819

William Preston J.P.

Francis Leclerq, clerk of circuit court for Gallia County