

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Castle S44226

VA NY [filed with NY]

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of New York Ss. William Castel of the town of Hurly in the County of Ulster and State of New York, being duly sworn, doth on his oath declare, that some time in the beginning or winter of the year One thousand, seven hundred and seventy seven, he enlisted in the continental service of the United States of America, as a private Soldier, in Captain Peter Bruen's [sic: Peter Bryan Bruin S42092] company, at Winchester in the state of Virginia, for three years, and continued in the said service in that company, about five months, and then was draughted in Colonel Morgans [Daniel Morgan] Rifle Regiment, under Captain Longs [Gabriel Long VAS970] company, and continued in the said service of the said Company and Regiment untill the 12th day of January 1780, which completed the three years service for which this deponent originally enlisted; and thereupon this deponent received a Certificate from Col. Webb [John Webb BLWt2052-450], now in the deponents possession, whereof the following is a copy

"Lancaster January 12<sup>th</sup> Day 1780—William Castle a soldier in the seventh Virginia Reg't having served three years the full time of his enlistment and conducted himself during that service as a good and valuable soldier, is now discharged from the service. And is entitled to claim every privilege of land &c allowed for that time by the State of Virginia. John Webb Lt. Colo. 5th Reg't. The commissioners [sic] are desired to furnish William Castle and his wife [see endnote] with provisions on their March to Virginia. John Webb Lt. Colo. 5th V. Reg't"

And this deponent further saith that formerly he has resided about twelve years in the State of Virginia, and latterly about thirty eight years in the State of New York – that he has never obtained even a foot of land from the State of Virginia, or the State of New York, or from the United States, for his said services, or any services in the revolutionary war, nor any compensation or bounty whatsoever, except his ordinary pay as a Soldier while in actual service. And this deponent further saith that when he was discharged as aforesaid in the winter of 1780, at Lancaster, he returned home, his wife and child accompanying him, to Winchester in Virginia and remained at that home, serving as a guard over prisoners of Burgoyne's army [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga 17 Sep 1777 and moved to Winchester Barracks in February 1781], untill the next Spring and then took the place of a soldier that was draughted for three months service, to drive the British from Richmond in Virginia, and was in that service only three weeks, when the enemy evacuated Richmond [late April 1781], and this deponent was again honorably discharged. And this deponent further saith that in the next year thereafter, being in the year 1782, he moved with his family to the State of New York, and shortly after his arrival there enlisted in the eight months militia service as a soldier, and served faithfully during the whole of that time, in scouting parties against the Indians & Tories.

And in the next year 1783 this deponent engaged for another eight months similar service and served the said time faithfully untill the general peace. That the Tories during his said last term of service stole two Horses from him of considerable value, which he has never recoved or had any payment therefor. That he hath been engaged in the service of his country in the revolutionary war, in thirteen battles and skirmishes with the enemy – that he was so engaged at the capture of Burgoyne's army – at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Gen. Sullivan's battle with the Indians [John Sullivan's expedition, 19 Jun - 3 Oct 1779] – Somerset Court-house [Battle of Millstone, 20 Jan 1777] &c &c And this deponent further saith that on the 15th day of August, he will be sixty six years of age and his wife now living with him, whom he married in Virginia during the revolutionary war, is three months younger that he is. That his family consists of himself his wife and grandchild. that him and his wife are at times much afflicted with the rheumatism, so that the one has not be able to assist the other – that they have latterly frequently wanted the necessaries of life and have no other resources of support but their own labor and personal exertions

– that he owns no real Property and that he now is and by reason of his reduced circumstances in live he verily beleaves will for the remainder of his Life be in need of assistance from his Country for support.

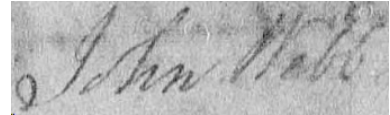
William hisXmark Castle

Sworn the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1818

Lancaster January the 12<sup>th</sup> Day 1780

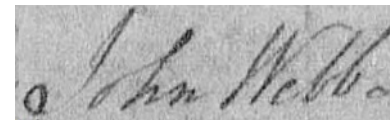
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5 V. Reg't



The Commissaries are Desiered to furnish William Castle and his Wife With provision on their March to Virginia

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State of New York Ulster County Ss

On this fifth day of July 1820 before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas held at the Court house in Kingston in and for the County of Ulster in the State of New York being a Court of Record of the said County (proceeding according to the course of the common Law and having a Clerk and Seal) in open Court personally appeared William Castle of the Town of Hurley in the County of Ulster and State aforesaid aged about sixty seven years where he now resides with this family who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath Declare that before & during part of the revolutionary war he resided in the State of Virginia that he then enlisted in that war in Col Morgan's rifle Regiment in Capt Longs company and served in the same for three years and untill the expiration of the time of his enlistment in the capacity of a common Soldier and thereafter served in the like capacity under differnt Commanders in the service of the United States against their enemies untill the general peace and on or about the thirteenth Day of March 1818 or not long thereafter forwarded a Certificate of his discharge from the said service in the said War signed by Lieut Col Webb to the War Office at Washington. And the said William Castle doth further on his Oath declare that on the 18<sup>th</sup> [sic] day of March 1818 he made oath of his services as aforesaid in the said war and was thereupon enrolled as a pensioner of the United States under the act entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 And hath thereupon drawn a pension accordingly his Certificate thereof being dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1818 Whereupon the said William Castle in open Court now here made the following oath to wit. I William Castle do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Marcy 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent so 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 hereunder contained and by me subscribed.

William hisXmark Castle

The Subscriber has no real Estate His personal Estate consists of the following items to wit

1 old horse 11 years old one old one horse waggon 3 milch cows 2 hogs Eight pigs 2 Sheep 3 Lambs one old one horse wood sleigh 7 old chairs 1 pair of old andIrons 1 wooden clock 1 Churn 3 water pails 1 old trunk 1 Cherry wood dining Table 1 small stand 1 cracked lookinglass 1 grid Iron

[undeciphered word] 5 earthen dishes 3 Iron Pots 1 frying pan 6 old knives and 6 forks a pewter bason 3 milk pots a few meat[?] and flour Barrels 1 old cupboard 1 Grind Stone 2 Irons and shovel and tongs half dozen Cups and saucers 1 old griddle 1 Iron skimmer 1 Iron Ladle 3 old table spoons 1 old wash tub I have no debts or income due me except twelve shillings due me and I owe about that amount and four and an half bushels of rye to be paid me after harvest. I hold a Lease of one hundred Acres of Land from William Tumper[?] for ten years from [undeciphered word] whereof twenty acres only are cleared on rent of giving one third of the grain raised thereon but hitherto have not been able to earn enough for my board thereon which of course I must buy and had it not been for my pension my Cows must have been sold for my maintainance. My family consists of myself wife and grand child I married my wife in Virginia during the revolutionary war and she has accompanied me in all places where I served as a soldier during said war having lived with me forty four years she being now sixty seven years old and Rheumatic scarcely able to do any work and the same is my [undeciphered word] being obliged to hire for my help my grand child is a boy of ten years of age I consider myself in indigent circumstances and to need and have deserved by my services and losses in the revolutionary war the assistance of my Country. My necessary wearing apparel and bedding is above excepted

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[The court valued Castle's property at \$110.]

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of New York } SS  
Ulster County }

I William Castle aged Seventy Eight years, do upon oath Testify and declare that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted at Winchester in the State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan in the Line of the State Virginia for the Term of Three years and that I served in the Company commanded by Colonel Long of the Regiment aforesaid until the expiration of the above period of Three years when I was regularly discharged at Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania That my discharge is now at the Pension Office in Washington where I forwarded it in order to obtain a Pension That on my discharge is an endorsement in the hand writing of Lieut. Col. Webb That I was entitled to Bounty Land from the State of Virginia That I have never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever Therefore

Know all men by these presents [the rest is power of attorney, not transcribed here]  
In Testimony I have hereunto set my mark and seal this twenty eighth day of October 1830

William hisXmark Castle

NOTES:

The wife of William Castle was apparently a "camp follower."

The bounty-land file contains a copy of Castle's discharge with the following additional:  
Frederick Town, State Maryland. Four days Rations drawn at this post for the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
January 1780

Richard Butler

D.Q.M. [Deputy Quarter Master]