

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Younger W10009¹ Catharine Younger f110VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

Nicholas County State of Kentucky (Sct) June 22, 1818

This day Joshua Younger personally appeared before me John Trimble one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Kentucky and made oath that in January in the year of our Lord 1777 he enlisted as a private soldier for & during the war in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment or Continental Army commanded by Colonel James Wood and that he belonged to Captain William Vaus's [William Vause's] Company and to the Brigade commanded by General Scott and that he continued to serve in said Regiment and the Army until sometime in May 1779 at which time he was discharged on account of having received a wound in said service he states that his discharge has been lost by accident but that he has a Certificate from Colonel James Wood of his service in said Army a true copy of which Certificate is hereby certified by me and he states that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for his support and he also states that he has at this day no other evidence of his enlistment and service in said Army within his power and that he has received no pension from the General government at any time a Certificate from Doctor John R Ward with the Counter Certificate of John Hopkins a justice of the peace is herewith sent.

Sworn to and declared before me the 22nd day of June 1818
S/ John Trimble

[p 12: On April 30th, 1838 in Lawrence County Indiana, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying he had recently moved there for the purpose of living with his children. The veteran signed this application with his mark.]

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County of Nicholas Sct. State of Kentucky

On the 31st day of March 1828 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the 2nd Judicial District in the County of Nicholas held in the town of Carlisle) Joshua Younger resident in said County aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That the said Joshua Younger enlisted during the war in January in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the County commanded by Captain William Vaughs [William Vause's] in the Regiment commanded by

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Colonel James Wood in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in May 1779 when he was discharged from the service in consequence of receiving a wound in the Town of Winchester in the State of Virginia. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present: that his name is not on the pension roll of any State except the one transmitted which is on your files. And that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, my first declaration was prepared by General Andrew S Hughes attorney at law, when they were returned he handed me the papers and told me that my claim was not allowed, and I being old and ignorant never made further application until the date of my 2nd declaration. My occupation is that of a farmer but unable to follow it. My wife was 62 years old last December. I have one son and his wife living with me, his name is Garret aged 22 years, his wife 20 years old, neither myself nor wife has been able to support ourselves by our labor for many years past, and I am much indebted for necessities to support him and what little property I now have will be sacrificed to pay my debts, and will not paid the one half of it. My property consist of one mare 28 years old \$5, nine head cattle \$35 one plow two pair of gear one ax \$9.50, three beds bedsteads and bedding \$36 household and kitchen furniture \$20, eleven head of sheep \$5.50, twelve shoats one sow \$8, total amount \$119.

And in pursuance of the Act of the first 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 that no particular change has taken place in my property since the 18th of March 1818 except the property which I sold to pay my lawful debts, which have been to a small amount signed

S/ Joshua Younger, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 31st day of March 1829 before me

S/ H. O. Brown, Judge

[p 19: On August 15, 1843 in Lawrence County Indiana, Catherine Younger, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Younger, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him September 15, 1787; that her husband died August 2, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: On March 21, 1856 in Lawrence County Indiana, the widow (giving her age as 91 years) filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Yoter. She signed this document with her mark.]

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I hereby Certify that Joshua Younger a private in the late revolutionary war half agreeable to the loss of the United States been placed on the List of military pensioners for the state of Virginia at the rate of \$1.66 2/3 per month and that at the rate thereof he still standing on said list and is legally entitled to the benefit thereof.

Given under my hand this 29th day of March 1804
S/ H. Dearborn Sec of War

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The Bearer hereof Joshua Younger was a private in the 12th Virginia Regiment of Continental establishment until he received a wound which rendered him unfit for further service when he was regularly discharged by me a Colonel of the said Regiment after which he was placed on the List of pensioners. I further certify that he was esteemed a Good Soldier while in service and that he has from every information which I have been able to obtain maintained the Character of a respectable Citizen.

Given from under my hand at Richmond this 30th day of January 1807

S/ James Wood formerly Brigadier General of the
Continental Army

[image from page 2 of the VSL file referred to below]

The Bearer hereof Joshua Younger was a private in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, until he received a wound which rendered him unfit for further service, when he was regularly discharged by me as Colonel of the said Regiment, after which he was placed on the List of Pensioners. I further certify that he was esteemed a good Soldier while in the Service, and that he has from every information which I have been able to obtain, maintained the Character of a respectable Citizen.

Given under my hand at Richmond
30th day of January 1807

James Wood formerly B. Genl.
Continental Army.

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State of Kentucky Jefferson County

I Abraham Hite² of Jefferson County Kentucky formally a Captain in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment do hereby Certify that Joshua Younger served as a soldier in Captain William Vauses Company in the aforesaid 12th Virginia Regiment and that from a record size roll &c the soldiers belonging to that Company and Regiment which is now in my possession the said Joshua Younger appears to have been enlisted on the 18th day of January 1777, During the War, born in the State of Virginia and is noted to be discharged but when and for what cause is not mentioned on the Record nor does my memory serve me to say either as to [indecipherable words] or for what cause he was discharged.

Given under my hand this first day of August 1819

the 12th Virginia Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Would and I entered the service

² [Abraham Hite S46385](#)

as a Lieutenant in Captain William Vauses Company
S/ Abr Hite

S/ Abr Hite formerly
Capt in the 12th Virg. Regt.

State of Kentucky Jefferson County

I Abraham Hite of Jefferson County Kentucky former
a Capt in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental
Establishment do hereby Certify that Joshua Younger
you was a Soldier in Capt. William Vauses Company in
the aforesaid 12th Virginia Regiment and that passed
a Record sign Roll # of the soldiers belonging to that
Company and Regiment which is used in making
Returns the said Joshua Younger at least I have been
Ordered on the 5th day of December from serving the War
in the State of Virginia, and is now to be discharged
but when and for what cause is not mention on the
Record nor does my memory serve me to give either
as to the date when for what cause he was discharged
Given under my hand the 11th day of August 1786

The 12th Virginia Regiment was
honourably disbanded
and the Soldiers paid
in Capt. William Vauses Company

Abraham Hite

Witness my hand
the 11th day of August 1786

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I do with the advice of the hereby certify that Joshua Younger aged 34 years late a private in the 12 Virginia Regm: whose pay was at the rate of £24 p: Annum was disabled in the service of the U. S. by a hurt which [indecipherable word, looks like "occasionet" perhaps intended to be "occasioned"] a rupture and that he is allowed Six pounds p: annum to Commence from the first of January 1786

Given from under my hand as Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia the Governor being absent at Richmond this ? of August 1786

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Beverly Randolph

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which occasionet a rupture and that he is allowed six pounds p: annum
to Commence from the first of January 1786

Given from under my hand as Lieut: Governor of the Commonwealth
of Virginia the Governor being absent at Richmond this 16th day of August
1786

T. Meriwether

Beverly Randolph

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 11, 1830 4 service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum which rate was increased to \$96 per annum effective July first, 1848.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Kentucky Nicholas County (to wit)

Joshua Younger appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he Enlisted in the year 1777 in Captain Vosses Company of the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental line Commanded by Colonel Wood for during the War and that he continued in service until he was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and was honorably discharged at the Barracks in Winchester in the year __ by Colonel Wood on account of his being disabled by said wound and that he has never received the Land bounty for said service

S/ Joshua Younger, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me and I certify that the deponent Joshua Younger is a credible witness on oath. Given under my hand this 6th day of October 1821

S/ John Carter, JP

Kentucky Nicholas County (to wit)

James Fitchpartrick [sic]³ a credible person own oath declared on oath that he was in the same Company and Regiment with the above named Joshua Young in the Revolutionary War and well knows that said Younger Enlisted for during the War in the 12th Virginia Regiment as he has just stated in his affidavit and that he knows that said Younger was honorably discharged in the year 1784 and ability on account of a wound he received in the Battle of Brandywine and that he knows this to be the same Joshua Younger.

S/ James Fitchpartick, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of October 1821

S/ John Carter, JP

[Note: The two following affidavits all crossed out as if intended to be deleted from the record.]

Nicholas County (to wit)

The within named James Fitchpartrick made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that he Enlisted in the year 1777 in Captain Vosses' Company of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel wood for during the War and that he continued to serve in said Regiment until the close of the War in the year 1783 at which time he was honorably discharged and that through the course of time he has lost his discharge – and has never received his land bounty.

S/ James Fitchpartrick, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of October 1821

S/ John Carter, JP

At the same time and place the within named Joshua Younger a credible person own oath

³ [James Fitzpatrick S32696](#)

declares on oath that he was a messmate and served in the same Company and Regiment with the above named James Fitchpartrick in the Revolutionary War and that he knows that said Fitchpartrick Enlisted for during the War as he has just stated in his Affidavit and that he was honorably discharged at the close of the War in the year 1783

S/ Joshua Younger, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of October 1821

S/ John Carter, JP