

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Leonard W1625

Edy Leonard

f51VA

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Declaration

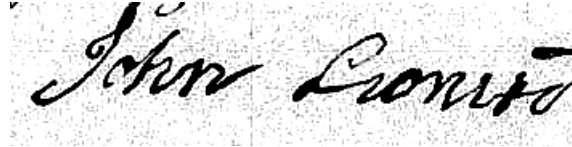
In order to be placed on the pension List

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On the 27th day of November 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County and State aforesaid – John Leonard resident in said County aged seventy years on the 17th day of April next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the first May 1820 that he the said John Leonard enlisted for the term of eighteen months under General Peter Muhlenberg in the County of Shenandoah & State of Virginia in the year __ that said General Muhlenberg sent this applicant to Cumberland Old Court house to join his Brigade which was stationed at that place, this applicant further states that shortly after his arrival at Cumberland Old Court house as aforesaid and in about one month after his enlistment under General Muhlenberg he enlisted for three years under Captain Kirkpatrick who was attached to the eleventh Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Haws [Samuel Haws] belonging to the Continental establishment and attached to General Muhlenberg's Brigade. This applicant states that he was sent by General Muhlenberg to Captain Kirkpatrick to whose company he was attached and remained in said Company all the time he was in the service of his Country which was two years from the time of his enlistment until he was discharged. This applicant positively states that he remained in the service two years and at one in the same time, that he served faithfully & honestly the time as above stated. He also states that he has lost by time & accident his discharge. That he is old and infirm his memory much impaired insomuch that he cannot recollect the day & date of his enlistment nor the day & date of his discharge But he is positive that he served in said Regiment the full time of two years. This applicant further states that he was discharged in the State of Virginia at Point of Fork & he further states that he [was] born & raised in Germany that he was sold into the British Service by one of the petty tyrants of his native country to fight against the Americans, And the first opportunity that offered itself this applicant deserted the British and joined the Americans and served as has already been named –

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. The premises considered Your applicant prays to be placed on the Pension List of the United States.

S/ John Leonard



Schedule of the property owned by John Leonard

6 Acres of Land \$2 per acre	\$12
One old mare value	30
Two cows \$10 each	20
9 Head of sheep \$1 each	9
15 head of hogs or shoats \$1	15
1 Plow & 2 hoes	4
1 Chopping ax	2
1 Hand Saw	2
1 Drawing Knife 50 cents	.50
2 Chisels	<u>1.00</u>
	\$105.50

S/ John Leonard

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: This Day John Leonard personally appeared before me Jacob Hackney one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County and after being sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following statement and explanation of the foregoing declaration viz., That he the said John Leonard Enlisted in the United States Army in the fall of the year that Lord Cornwallis Surrendered to General Washington [October 19, 1781] which as well as this applicant recollects was in September or October in the year 1781. That he served the full term of 2 years under said enlistment as is already named. This Applicant further states that he is aged & infirm that he lives in a remote part of the country, that he knows about very little so the reason that he did not apply for a pension before November 1823 was that he did not know of any provision made by Congress for the Soldiers of the Revolution until a few days before the date of the foregoing declaration –

This Applicant further states that he was very poor in the year 1818 & continue so to this day that he had no property to dispose of at that date, or that time other than as contained in the foregoing Schedule (to which Schedule reference is here made). This Applicant further states that he served the term of 2 full years under the same engagement and was discharged at Point of Fork in the fall of the year 1784 as well as he now recollects and further the deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th day of November 1825

S/ Jacob Hackney, JP

S/ John Leonard

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: This day William Goin personally appeared before me John Johnston one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County and

State and after being sworn in due form of law, depose and saith –
That, he was well acquainted with John Leonard (the present applicant for a pension) while in the Army during the Revolutionary War, That to the best of his knowledge & recollection he believes that said Leonard enlisted for the time of three years, and that he must have served nine months or more under said enlistment. This Deponent further states, that to the best of his recollection said Leonard belonged to the 11th Regiment of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. This deponent was well acquainted with said John Leonard in the Army during the Revolutionary War and is positive that this John Leonard that is now an applicant for a pension is the same man that is above alluded to as having served in the War of the Revolution, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 27th day of November 1824.

S/ William Goin,¹ X his mark

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County

This day Charles Swain² aged eighty years personally appeared before me John Johnston one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County and State and after being sworn in due form of law depose and saith – That he was well acquainted with John Leonard (the present applicant for a pension) while in the Army during the Revolutionary War. That to the best of his recollection the said Leonard belonged to the 11th Regiment of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment. That to the best of his recollection the said Leonard must have served more than nine months under the same engagement. This deponent does not recollect the precise time that said Leonard enlisted for, but that he is certain that he must have served at least nine months under the said engagement. This deponent was well acquainted with said Leonard while in the Army of the Revolution and that said Leonard that is now an applicant for a pension is the same person that served as above stated and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Charles Swain, S his mark

[p 9: On March 27, 1850 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Edy Leonard, 79 years old on July 22nd last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Leonard, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that she married him in the latter part of the month of June in the year 1796; that they were married by the Reverend Jacob Cook, a Methodist minister in Greenbrier County Virginia; that she submits the family register as proof of her marriage and the births of her children; that her husband died October 7, 1841. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: on March 27, 1850 in Hawkins County, TN, Henry Loudeback, 70, gave testimony that John Leonard and his wife Edy were married at the affiants father's house in Greenbrier County Virginia some time in the month of June 1796; that the couple lived with the affiants father for about 5 years after their marriage.]

[Facts in file: That the widow was born February 22, 1771; that the following were the children of the veteran and his wife:

David Leonard born March 30, 1797

¹ Probably the same man as [William Goings \(Going\) W930](#)

² [Charles Swain S4910](#)

Elizabeth Leonard born February 14, 1799
John Leonard born February 19, 1801
William Leonard born February 5, 1803
Agnes Leonard born July 11, 1805
Jacob Leonard born November 12, 1807
Edy Leonard born March 11, 1811]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 12, 1825, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]