

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Defever W1834

Mary Defever

VA

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District of Kentucky Green County Sct

On this 21st day of March 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County of Green John Lefever (alias Defever) of Hart County Kentucky aged about Seventy three 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 several acts of Congress of the united states of America providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, That he the said John Defever inlisted as a soldier for the Term of three years about the 15th of January the particular year he does not recollect but which time may be better ascertained by refference to his former Petition and evidence attached thereto now in the office of the Secretary of War [not found in the file], he believes it was in 1776 or 1777 in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. [William] Russell, that he inlisted under Lieutenant [Uriah] Springer and was attached to Capt. James Hooks Company [James Hook's company raised in Yohogania County] on the Continental establishment, that he continued in the services of the United States during the period for which he inlisted when he was discharged at Fort Pitt by Colo. John Gibson, that he was in the Battels of German Town and Brandy Wine and also at the White Marsh hill [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777; Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777; Whitmarsh, 5 Dec 1777] – That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

I also 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 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 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.

Towit one old mare and two Colts worth \$40, five head of Cattle young and old worth \$20, some houshold furniture worth \$20, two old plows and geer, old hoes and axe worth about \$9. I have a wife aged about 54 years I have not been able to do a days work for the last twelve months and expect never more to be able to work (owing to Pains and old age) to procure a support, I am a Farmer by occupation – my children are poor and not able to lend me assistance, and support themselves and families – the reasons I have not continued by application to be placed on the pension list was that I could until the last 12 months make out to support myself and wife by labor. but since I cant labor I find myself in need of the assistance of my Country for Support. I have disposed of no property since 18th March 1818 but for the support of myself and family.

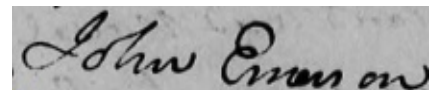
John Defevers his Dmark

[Defevers made a similar declaration dated 3 July 1826.]

Personally appeared before the Green County Court at their March Term 1826 being a court of record – John Emerson [pension application W8694] a creditable and disinterested witness who being first sworn states upon oath that he was well acquainted with John Defevers during his service in the army and knew that said Defevers belonged to the 13th Virginia Regiment in the Continental line. That I said Emerson was Lieutenant in said Regiment, and was with said Defevers in the Battles of Germantown Brandywine and at the White Marsh hills – and that said Defevers was esteemed a faithfull soldier

Sworn to in open Court 21st March 1826

John Barret, Clerk



NOTE: On 17 April 1849 Nancy Defever applied for a pension stating that she married John Defever in 1794 or 1795, and he died on 19 August 1839. On 25 July 1855 at age 77 she applied for bounty land stating that as Nancy Huston she was married in Hardin County KY by Rev. Josiah Dodge on 17 April 1794 to John Defever, who died on 18 August 1839. This application was witnessed by Jeseey Defevers and William Defevers (as they signed). The marriage was proved by a copy of the marriage record in the file.