

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Starkey W19111

Obedience

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At a Superior Court of law continued and held for Cumberland County the 6th day of May 1818,

Present the Honorable William Daniel Judge –

John Starkey a resident of this County aged sixty-three came into Court and made oath that in February 1776 he enlisted as a soldier for the term of two years with Captain Charles Fleming of the seventh Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, that he served out the term of his enlistment and was discharged at Valley Forge Camp, which discharge he has not now in his possession. That he was at the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], and Jerman Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], and that he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support: which is ordered to be certified –

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal there being no seal of office in office this 6th day of May 1818 in the 42nd year of our foundation –

S/ Miller Woodson, Jr., Clerk

I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit including the County of Cumberland do certify that Miller Woodson Jr. whose name is subscribed to the attestation on the other side of this paper is Clerk of the Superior Court of Law of the said County of Cumberland, and that full faith and credit should be given to his official acts as such –

And I do also certify that John Starkey came into open court and before me made oath according to law to the facts set forth in the statement and attestation of the clerk aforesaid in order that he might be enabled to obtain the provision lately made by an Act of Congress for certain persons who were engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War – And I do also certify that Willis Wilson came before me & made oath that he being a Lieutenant in the 11th Virginia Regiment of the Army of the Revolution, knew personally, that the said John Starkey enlisted with Captain Charles Fleming as that he the said John in his declaration half above stated & set forth, and that he served two years accordingly, & that he the said John is in reduced circumstances & in his opinion needs the assistance of his Country for support –

And I being satisfied that the said John Starkey did serve in the Army's of the United States during the Revolutionary War against the common enemy as set forth in his declaration upon oath as above stated do hereby certify & send the same to the Secretary of the Department of War according to the act of Congress in such case lately made & provided under my hand & seal, there being no official seal.

S/ Wm Daniel {Seal}

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At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Cumberland County the 24th day of October 1820 –

John Starkey aged about sixty-five years personally in open court (being a court of record of said County) a resident of said County and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted under Captain Charles Fleming about February 1776 of the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel McClanahan which was shortly after put on Continental establishment that he served two years, the term of his enlistment, was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and was discharged while an invalid from severity of Service at the Valley Forge Camp, Pennsylvania State, as will appear from his original declaration dated about 6 May 1818, the pension certificate, in pursuance of which is without number, but bears date the 5th day of September 1818, & by J C Calhoun Secretary of War and 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 Viz. 73 acres of land indifferently improved with log houses no chimneys of brick or slave unborn, one horse about 20 years old, one horse cart wheels without tires – 5 hogs, 6 shoats, 2 pine tables, 2 pine chests, 1 pine Cupboard, 1 safe, 1 loom, 2 spinning wheels, 4 common split bottom chairs – There are attached to the [indecipherable word, could be 'homesite'], 4 cows, 4 yearlings and one calf, the proceeds of a loan from my wife's Father with remainder over to her daughters, in relation to which not knowing the legal interpretation as to my right & being on oath I merely state that I have never considered them as my property – 1 grindstone, 8 plains, jointer & bench, 17 small plains, consisting of molding & Rabbit plains – 1 plow palin, 11 chisels, 5 augers, 5 gauges, 5 carpenters squares – 1 fatblade?, 2 rules, 2 pair compasses – 2 iron wedges, 2 broad axes, 1 narrow axe, 2 hammers, 1 oil whet stone, 1 Dagon plow, 1 do Trowel hoe, 1 do Caulter, one pair iron braces and other gear for one horse, one Crow bar, one Floe?, 4 hiling hoes, 2 band saws, 2 sash saws, 3 drawing knives to the value of \$285.71

There is due to me from Matthew Wilson about \$50

from Stephen Cook about \$18: from Ben Bradley about \$30 but from incompetency of this debtor, not likely ever to be got. There may be other debts due to me by various persons to the amount of about \$8.25 and here as I am upon oath, I might mention a debt due to me by the United States for clothing furnished myself while in the aforesaid service as stated in my petition to Congress & referred to a Committee at the time of the act of the said 18th of March 1818 of about \$47.50.

Contra

I owe to the legal representatives of my dead friend John Cunningham about \$280 and it is but small justice to those representatives to say that they have promised never to distress me for this debt, which under a reverse of my circumstances increases my obligation to pay; I also owe to Mssrs. Gilliam, Thornton & Co. about \$40 and 2 Doctor John Spencer about \$12 there may be other smaller debts due by May to other persons to the amount of about \$14.32. This declarant is

by occupation a house carpenter but from age and infirmity unable to pursue it to any extent or profit. His family consists of a wife of the age of 53: of seven daughters to wit Judith aged 30: Fanny aged 28, Elizabeth aged 24, Jane aged 26, Nanny aged 22, Magdalene aged 16, Mary aged 10 and one son named Joshua aged 20: two only of these to wit Nanny who is afflicted with the palsy and Mary from her age are unable to earn a support – John Starkey which is ordered to be certified to the war Department – Sworn to and declared by John Starkey the 24th day of October 1820 before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland.

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Cumberland County the 30th day of May 1821
Virginia

At a court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Cumberland County the 24th day of October 1820 John Starkey rendered into this court a Schedule of his Estate as hereto annexed and in estimating the value thereof it appears certain debts therein named to the nominal amount of \$153.75 were from oversight omitted to be estimated, valued & extended with the rest of the property, the said court has therefore now considered the case and making reasonable allowance for time & probable insolvency estimate the value of the said debts to be no more than \$76.25 which be added to the value of the other articles makes the whole Schedule of said Starkey in value amount to \$361.96 which is ordered to be certified to the War Department.

[f p. 9: On November 10, 1841 in Cumberland County Virginia, Mrs. Obedience Starkey, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Starkey, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her husband was dropped from the pension roll on account of property; that she married him in Cumberland County Virginia June 27, 1789; that they were married by Parson McRae; and that her husband died June 28, 1824; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 6, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for his service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]