

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Staples¹ W22
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Betsy

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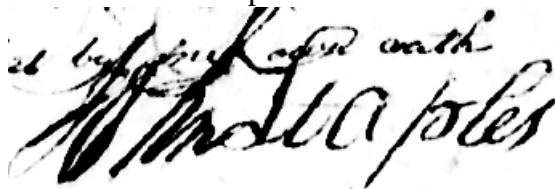
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[f p. 9]

Tennessee State Morgan County

I do Solemnly affirm that I was born and raised in the State of Virginia Albemarle County and on the 14th day of February 1778 engaged in the Continental service as Soldier and shortly after joined head Quarters at Camp Valley Forge in Pennsylvania State in General Muhlenberg's Brigade fourteenth Virginia Regiment Captain [ink blot obscures name] company and continued in said company and Regiment until the 18th of February 1779 and was then discharged from said Regiment at Camp at Middlebrook ([indecipherable words] Middlebrook Jersey State 18th February 1779. John Staples [balance of document too faint to discern] I have evidence to my knowledge to prove my service but by my own oath.

S/ John Staples

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Staples". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Schedule

State of Tennessee Morgan County: October Session 1820

On this 17th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record having the power of fine and Imprisonment and also having been made a court of Record by the laws of said him and for said County John Staples aged sixty-three years Resident in the County of Morgan aforesaid; who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he served in the United States one year in the revolutionary war. That he enlisted with Captain P. Jones, Colo. William Davises Regiment, that his pension certificate is of No. 12,336, that his original Declaration is dated July 20th 1818, 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

¹ BLWt61340-160-55

hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One mare	\$20.00
11 Head of cattle	63.50
3 Sows & 9 pigs	7.00
7 year olds	8.75
7 Shoats	2.62 ½
Sundry articles of Household and kitchen furniture	<u>37.00</u>
	\$101.87 ½ _____
Brought forward	\$101.87 ½
Working Tools	6.00
Due to me	7.50
95 lbs of Bar Iron	<u>2.50</u>
	\$122.87 ½

Debts I oh \$79 12 1/2 cents

Remainder \$44.75

My wife is a Sickly woman aged 49 years we had 9 children living with us whose names and ages are as follows

Nancy	22 years old
William	18
Betsy	16
Thomas	12
Caroline	11
Clarisy	10
Christian	8
Salley	6
Taliafro	2

S/ John Staples



[f p. ?, found in HQ version: On October 3, 1838 in Morgan County Tennessee, Betsy Staples, 68, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of John Staples a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him December 12, 1786 agreeable to the record in her Bible; she was married in Buckingham County Virginia by a Methodist Minister named Green; that her husband died June 28, 1837 in Morgan County Tennessee of paste him up affliction and old age him; that she is confined to the house on account of "rheumatic order" and is entirely unable to attend at court. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: affidavit dated October 3, 1838 given in Morgan County Tennessee by Benjamin T Staples, son of John and Betsy Staples authenticating the record of the children of his parents as being in the handwriting of his father and recorded in a book of the Virginia law.

Benjamin T. Staples

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[f p. 21: On November 4, 1855 in Morgan County Tennessee, Betsy Staples, 84, on the 1st of December 1854, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Staples; that she was married to him in Buckingham County Virginia by Greenberry Greene [?] a Methodist preacher December 19, 1786; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Upshaw; that her husband died June 28, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was born September 14, 1757 in Albemarle County Virginia. His wife Betsy Upshaw or Upsher was born December 1, 1770. The widow died August 24, 1858. The dates of birth of the following children are given in the file:

Leroy Staples born August 31, 1788

Abner F. born July 16, 1790

John born December 26, 1791

Lucinda born March 2, 1795

David born November 25, 17th 96

Nancy born August 24, 1798

Benjamin T, date of birth not given;

In 1838 William D. Fields was a son-in-law of the veteran and his widow; also in 1838, Kesiah C. Butler of Anderson County Tennessee gave testimony that her mother and the veteran were cousins.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 20, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was also pensioned in a like amount.]