

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Silvar (Silvers)¹ W2872 Sarah f59VA
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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Session 1834

On this 27th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Aaron Silvar a resident of Lee County State of Virginia aged ?6 [1st digit illegible] years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. This Applicant states that he was born in Augustia [Augusta] County State of Virginia in the year 1758 the month he does not now recollect, that he once had a record of his age in a small book, but which was long since destroyed by his children, that he was living in Augusta County Virginia when he entered the service as a drafted soldier in the spring of the year 1781 under Captain Thomas Smith, Lieutenant Joseph Blair [could be Joseph Blain] & Ensign William Cummins, Colonel Samuel Lewis & Major Long commanded the Regiment, that they marched to Rockfish gap where they were stationed a short time [paper damaged and illegible text] to Richmond where they were stationed some time & from thence to Williamsburg where they joined General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] who was then stationed at that place. That they remained at this place about three weeks guarding that place from the British & marched from thence to Muhlenberg's station where they remained about two weeks & from thence to Pamunkey River when they were stationed some time & from thence to Pigeon Hill & from thence to little York where he was stationed when the three months the Term for which he was drafted expired, that he did not receive a written discharge from the service but was dismissed and returned home, that this Term of service lasted three months. This Applicant further states that in the same year 1781 in the summer as well as he remembers, he was again drafted into the service under Captain Joseph Long, the Lieutenant's name he cannot now mention, Colonel Smith from Stanton commanded the Regiment & Major Stevens, that they again crossed Rockfish gap & from thence to Richmond where they remained some time & from thence to Williamsburg where they remained a short time & from this place they were called to Little York & here they remained till it was ascertained that the British would surrender, that he was through the whole siege of Little York, that a day or two before the surrender of the British [October 19, 1781] at little York, he is second Term of three months service for which he was drafted expired, & the Officers told the Company that the British would surrender & that as their Term of service was out they might return home & as this Applicant was anxious to get home he & his company set out to return home, that he did not receive a written discharge from this Term

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of service, but was dismissed that this Term of service lasted three months.

This Applicant further states that his recollection of these times is very much impaired & that he is unable to state precisely all the incidents during the Terms of his service, but has given the best history he can he states that he can safely swear that he did served not less than the periods above stated making in all six months & for such service he claims a pension. This Applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services. He further states that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood. This Applicant further states that since the Revolutionary war he has always lived in the State of Virginia & that he now lives in Lee County near the line & that the reason he made the Application in Hawkins County Tennessee is that he lives near the line & that it [is] convenient to have his business attended to in Tennessee. This Applicant further states that he cannot name any of the regular or Continental officers more than he has for he never served much with them. This Applicant further states that he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his services, but that he is well known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Marion & Obediah Ferguson who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D clerk

S/ Aaron Silvar, X his mark

[Samuel Marion & Obediah Ferguson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 12: On April 4th 1851 in Montgomery County Virginia, Mrs. Sarah Silvers, aged about 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Aaron Silvers, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$32 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Botetourt County Virginia March 24, 1796; that her husband died May 8, 1846 in Lee County Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 15: Record certified by the clerk of the Botetourt County Virginia County Court showing the marriage of Aaron Silvers to Sarah Sowden [could be Sowders] March 24, 1796 celebrated by Edward Mitchell

[f p. 18: On September 20, 1856 in Montgomery County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she was then 82 years old & in her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: In 1861, the widow was living in Montgomery County Virginia with her son, Isaac Silvers. The widow was still living and stated her age as 'something over 90' when she applied for the re-instatement of her pension while living in Montgomery County, Virginia on February 17, 1866.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]