

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Ailsworth (Ailesworth) W37

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State of Tennessee } On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1828, personally appeared in open court in the  
White County } Honorable Circuit Court, for the County of White, in said State, being a court of  
record, which proceeds according to the course of the common law, which has the power of fineing and  
imprisoning; George Ailesworth resident in said County, aged seventy 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 acts of Congress, of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 13<sup>th</sup> [sic: 1<sup>st</sup>] May 1820. that the said George  
Ailesworth enlisted for the term of two years, as a private soldier in the company of Capt Thomas Massey  
[sic: Thomas Massie], of New Kent County in the State of Virginia, in February 1776 and was attached to  
the sixth Virginia regiment, which term of Two years he served out and received an honorable discharge  
at Valley Forge; which discharge is now by time or accident lost or misslaid; which sixth Virginia regiment  
was commanded by Colonel [Mordecai] Buckner, who was cashiered and succeeded by Colonel [James]  
Hendricks, and afterwards by Colonel [John] Green; he the said Ailesworth joined the Continental troops  
at New-Ark [sic: Newark] in the State of New Jersey in the fall of the year 1776 and attached to General  
Washington's Army. He was in several scirmishes at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776]  
and also at the battle of Princeton [3 Jan 1777]; he received a severe wound in the left thigh, at Martin  
town between Amboy and Brunswick in the year 1776; he also fought in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep  
1777] and the siege of fort Mifflin on Mud Island [10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], and the batle of Germantown [4  
Oct 1777]. He was in the continental establishment from the time of joining the troops as above ultel  
discharged in 1778 at Valley Forge; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except  
the present, that his name has never been placed on the pension list — And in pursuance of the Act of the  
1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United  
States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. I am by profession a house  
right but owing to my age and infirmity partly occasioned by the pain I experience from the wound before  
described I am entirely unable to follow my occupation — my family now consists of myself and Susanah  
my wife aged between fifty and sixty years; she is unable to contribute much towards our support owing  
to her age — that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have taken place in my property (Viz)

Description of Property	Names of Persons to whom disposed of	Time of Sale	Amount of Money or Description of Property received in return..
160 acres of land	Elisha Swift	3 July 1825	Sold for one thousand and [illegible] Dollars Five hundred dollars of which I was owing to him He held my note which with interest there amounted to \$413 and a years board at 100 and took his note for \$487—
One note on Elisha Swift for \$487—	Silas Stout	not recollected	In payment of a debt which I owed Silas Stout – In payment of board at the price of thirty Dollars
One yoke of steers	Elisha Swift		
1 [?] anville and vice	Elisha Swift	[?] Jany 1826	twenty Dollars
1 [?] & clock China Press	Same	Same	Forty Dollars
1 Bed & furniture	Same	Same	Twenty Dollars
1 yearling calf	Same	Same	Two Dollars
1 Iron & large pot	Same	Same	Five Dollars

All of which personal property last mentioned was paid me in boarding me in 1827

There is also owing to me, debts by persons who are insolvent as follows

By sundry persons amounting to about \$105.25¼ }  
 one note on Daniel Hogan to Thomas Mills assigned } \$70.10  
 by Jesse Dew[?] to me due the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1822 }

There are other small debts due to me the amount not known by me at present.

The debts which I am owing are about as follows: a judgement against me in favour of William

Hodges for 62.00  
 Judgment in favour of Mr Bullard for 33.00  
 D[itt]o Do Mr Hisk 10.00

A claim of Longstreath, not ascertained

A schedule of the property which I now have on hand

One bed and furniture of the value of. . . . . \$20.00  
 One four leged & one round table. . . . . 4.75  
 One case of Bottles. . . . . 5.00  
 One loom. . . . . 6.00  
 2 sets of andirons one pare with the hind parts crack[?]. . . 3.50  
 Two smoothing irons. . . . . 1.00  
 One Iron Tramele. . . . . 2.00  
 One Tub and pail. . . . . 1.00  
 One Pot and Oven. . . . . 2.50  
 Chairs. . . . . 1.[??]  
 1 Cow. . . . . 8.00

1 Ewe and Lamb.....	2.[??]
1 Flax and Cotton Wheel.....	3.[?]0
1 D[?].	3.00
1 Wheelbarrow. ....	2.50
4 Barrels. ....	1.00
4 Casks of ninety gallons each. ....	2.00
1 Old saddle and bridle.....	5.00
1 pare of saddle bags. ....	1.00
1 narrow & broad axe. ....	3.50
1 hand saw.....	2.50
6 chisels.....	1.50
1 short cross cut saw. ....	2.00
1 Half bushel measure.....	.75
1 Iron square & pare of compasses. ....	1.00
1 Earthen Dish.....	2.00
6 potts of old puter at twenty five cents per lb. ....	1.62½
3 Augurs.....	<u>3.00</u>
	\$93.37½

28<sup>th</sup> July 1828

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NOTE: On 5 Dec 1843 Susanna Ailsworth, 66, applied for a pension stating that she was married to George Ailsworth on 8 Aug 1792 by Parson Webber in Henrico county VA, and her husband died 21 Dec 1841. According to another document, her maiden name was Susannah Barlow. On 6 Dec 1849 she applied under a later pension act, giving her age as 73 and stating that her first child was born on 13 Aug 1793. On 21 Dec 1849 and 30 Dec 1850 she applied for any additional pension that might be due.