

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sage W5973

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District of West Tennessee

John Sage a citizen of Maury County in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services in the revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental line under the command of Captain Stephen Ashby in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood, under the command of General Scott, that he enlisted for 2 years and faithfully served 26 months & 10 days and was discharged at Stony Point on Hudson River, that he has lost his discharge long since, that he was in the Militia service several times afterwards was with the Army at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Little York. That he does not remember the date of his enlistment but believes it was before the Declaration of Independence. That he has no other proof in his power except what is herewith sent. That he is largely upwards of sixty and infirm that he is unable to do one day's work in the field, can do little trifles in the garden has neither home nor land, is very much reduced in circumstances and stands much in need of aid from Government. That he never had any pension from the United States or any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2nd day of September 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ John Sage



The applicant John Sage further maketh oath that he was a regular Continental Soldier in the Virginia line as before stated, that he was discharged in October 1778, that as he believes he was enlisted about the month of August 1776.

Sworn to before me this 23rd of October 1819

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ John Sage

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District of West Tennessee

On this 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court (the same being a court of Record) before the honorable Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the circuit courts for the State of Tennessee, now presiding in the 4th judicial circuit in the County of Rutherford, John Sage aged sixty-four years & resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows. He enlisted in Captain Stephen Ashby's Company of the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by

Colonel James Wood, on the Continental establishment. The date of his original declaration was on the second day of September 1818. His pension certificate is dated the 29th day of November 1819 numbered 16053 on which he was entitled to a semi-annual pay event on the 4th of March 1819 & 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 –

Schedule of real and personal property longing to John Sage

1 Cows & calves	1 Pot
1 old horse	1 skillet
8 hogs & one old sow	1 sheep
4 shoats	2 axes
1 large cattle	1 Drawing Knife
1 Cooper's adze	1 half-inch chisel
1 inch-inch augur	1 small crooked drawing knife

S/ John Sage

His occupation is a farmer & owing to his age & infirmities of body & mind he is not able to prosecute the same with success. He has in family residing with him besides himself, three persons, his wife, aged & infirm, a daughter named Lucinda, eighteen years old, a son named Abner thirteen years old – And from their youth & want of education can't hardly maintain themselves; much less contribute to the support of their war-torn & enfeebled father, who spent his best days in the service of his beloved country.

S/ John Sage

sworn to & declared in open Court 29th of August 1820

S/ Wm Ledbetter, Clerk

[f p. 10: on March 13, 1840, in Marshall County Mississippi, Mary Sage, aged 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Sage a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him March 12th, 1790 in Madison County Kentucky; that her husband died August 12th, 1827¹; and that she remains his widow.

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[f p. 18: On March 16, 1840 in Marshall County Mississippi, Travis Sage, 38 years old, describing himself as being late of Rutherford County Tennessee and the son of John & Mary Sage verified the family record which contains the births of his brothers and sisters; that he has no doubt that his parents were married March 12th, 1790.

¹ Other records in the file indicate that date as August 12, 1821.

Travis Sage

[f pp 16-17: family record abstracted as follows:

Margrate [Margaret] born November 6, 1791

William born December 25, 1793

Jesse born February 28, 1795

John Nash born January 28, 1797

Travis born January 13, 1801

Lucinday [Lucinda] born April 1 1803

Abner born April 10, 1808

Margaret Sage married November 2, 1815 John Brown of Pennsylvania

Thomas Nash Sage married January 21, 1823, Nancy "Right"

Travis Sage married October 1, 1822, Rachel Potts

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 2, 1818, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per year commencing March 4th, 1836.]