

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Summers W6606 Mary fn61NC
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[fn p. 17]

Fairfax County [state of Virginia]

On this 15th day of June 1818 before the Worshipful County Court of Fairfax personally appeared George Summers aged fifty-five years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" That he the said George Summers enlisted in the year 1780 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Tilmen Dickson [Tilghman Dixon] of the United States Troops. That he continued to serve in said corps or in the United States service twelve months, when he was discharged from service at Bacons Bridge in the State of South Carolina that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs and three different skirmishes, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country, for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services. Sworn to and declared before the Court of said County the day and year aforesaid.

Fairfax County to wit

I Richard Radcliffe Presiding Magistrate in the County court of Fairfax on this day do hereby Certify that the above named George Summers did in open Court qualify to the above statement in due form of law & that he appears to be entitled to the provisions by act of Congress provided as referred to – Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of June 1818

S/ Rd Ratcliffe {Seal}

[fn p. 13]

Virginia, Fairfax, Superior Court, to wit

On this 25th day of October 1820 personally in open Court aforesaid, being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax in the Commonwealth aforesaid George Summers aged 58 years,

resident in the said County who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (viz.) He enlisted in North Carolina Caswell County in the company commanded by Captain Telman Dixon of Colonel Henry Dixon's North Carolina line for and during 12 months which time he served and was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs all of which will more fully appear by his Declaration of record in the Department of war bearing date the 15th day of June 1818 whereupon he has received a Certificate of pension bearing date the first day of December 1818 & numbered 4697 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. I also declare that I was bred 8 Carpenter by trade and since I quitted the Army have followed the same, but now from my advanced age & indispositions I am but little able to pursue that business – that my wife is 55 years of age my old child is named Rebecca 28 years old, the next oldest in succession is Daniel 21 years old who does not live with me, Sarah 15 years old subject to a Consumption, Mary Ann 11 years old neither of which can Contribute but little to my support, & that I myself am crippled in my back which hinders may in a great measure from pursuing my ordinary business.

S/ Geo. Summers¹

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Wm Moss, Clerk

A Schedule of the property, goods and effects of the above mentioned George Summers by him subscribed & delivered in open Court on making the above Declaration

One Bed & Swinite [?]	\$25
One Loom	9
Household & Kitchen furniture	10
Sundry Carpenters tools	10
12 head of hogs	<u>25</u>
	\$79

S/ George Summers

[fn p. 38: William Hill the Secretary of State for North Carolina issued a certificate dated November 24, 1818 showing that a soldier by the name of George Summers acted as a Sergeant in Dixon's company in the 10th Regiment commanded by Abraham Shepperd, Colonel; that he entered service on May 15, 1781 and left service May 21, 1782.]

[fn p. 4: On July 25, 1843, in Loudoun County, Virginia, Mary Summers, aged about 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Summers, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she has frequently heard her husband say he was in the engagements at Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs; that she married him March 24,

¹ Appears to be the signature of the scribe who prepared the entire application as opposed to an original signature of the veteran

1789; that they were married by the Reverend John Potts; that her husband died September 1, 1838.]

[fn p. 6: certificate of marriage of George Summers to Mary Presgraves March 24th, 1789, given by Spencer M Ball, clerk of the Fairfax County Virginia court.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service in the North Carolina Continental line.]