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Pension Application of Sherard Going W7545

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County of Albemarle Sct

On this 9th day of October 1828 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, Sherard Goin, resident in said County, aged seventy two years, 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 acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and 1st May 1820; That he the said Sherard Goin enlisted for the term of three years on or about the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1777 or '78 in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded first by Captain [Moses] Hawkins then by Captain John Overton in the 14th Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia on continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the expiration of three years when he was discharged from the service in [blank] in the State of [blank] that he has lost his discharge. That he hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension, except the present – that is name is not on the roll of any State, except Virginia; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. Viz. he has been able by a course of industry and economy to support himself and his family, and to obtain the necessaries of life, and has been ignorant of the means of obtaining the provision made for him by his Government until recently – but that his age and infirmities have now deprived him of his only reliance (that of his own exertion) for subsistence and he now calls on that Country to aid him in his necessities in whose service he devoted his youth. “And in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820, 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, 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” – passed on the 18th of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts or debts due me, other than what is contained the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, That no material changes have taken place in the little property which I possess since the 18th March 1818, except that its value has greatly depreciated. The following is a schedule of my property of every description, two indifferent horses, one 14 or 15 years & the other 4 or 5, a Small Poney, about two hundred acres of land situated on one of the spurs of the Blue Ridge, and it is poor, mountain land – not productive, about thirty or forty acres of this tract are cleared, one Cow, – I am by occupation a day labourer – though I am disabled in a great measure by age from pursuing this or any other business which would support me – I have a wife and two children. Viz: two boys about the age 8 or 9 and 10 or 12 years – I was engaged at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 June 1778] – and at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – after the expiration of my first enlistment for three years, I enlisted again for eighteen months – I am a colored man and [illegible word] illiterate & have lost my discharge and other papers

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This day William Turner of said county personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he served with Sherard Going in the last Revolutionary War as a soldier in the Company commanded by Capt John Overton in the 14th Virginia Regiment and continued in the service for three years. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1828

[John Snow (pension application S38391) stated that he knew of Going's service.]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA includes the following: Sherwood Going, age 21, height 5' 8½", black hair, black eyes, "Yallow" complexion, born in Louisa County VA, residing in Albemarle County where he enlisted as a substitute on 20 Mar 1781 for 18 months having previously served three years in the 14th Virginia Regiment.

On 27 Nov 1841 Susannah Going, "formerly Susannah Simmons," applied for a pension stating that she married Sherard Going in Albemarle County about 1790, and he died 23 Nov 1837.