

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Curd W8645 Nancy W. Curd VA
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State of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that John Curd a citizen of Logan County & state aforesaid, being one of the United States of America, this day personally appeared before me Benjamin Shackelford one of the Circuit Judges for said State and made oath agreeably to an act of Congress approved the 18th day of March 1818 to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary War, that he enlisted in the service of the said United States, in Captain Samuel Woodsons Company in the Ninth Virginia Regiment, late in the Summer 1776 or early in the fall of the same year. But day not at this time, recollected which; he remained a soldier in said Regiment until the 4th day of October 1777 at which time he was taken prisoner, fighting against the enemy, by the British at the Battle of German Town [Germantown], with the said Regiment, he was there wounded in both thyes, and taken by the British to Philadelphia and there confined until the British Evacuated the City [18 Jun 1778] and sailed around to New York And in some few weeks after their arrival at New York he was Exchanged; he then joined the American Army and was Discharged his time of Enlistment having Expired he further states that his discharge was signed by Brigadier General Peter Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] which Discharge is either lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found he knows of no person in this part of the Country that served with him – he further stats that from his reduced Circumstances he is in need of his Countrys assistance for support. Given under my hand this 20th April 1818
B. Shackelford

State of Kentucky }

Logan County Sct } Be it remembered that heretofore Towit At a County Court held for Logan County (being a Court of Record) on the 6th day of March 1826 John Curd a resident Citizen of of said County Came into open court and delivered the following Schedule of his Estate in order to be continued on the Pension list for services rendered during the Revolutionary War towit, A Schedule of the estate of John Curd containing his whole estate and income his necessary clothing and bedding excepted Towit
Whole value of Estate as afors'd \$1,700
Schedule of Debts due and owing from s'd John Curd for which his whole estate is liable to be taken & sold Towit,

Debts due the Bank of Kentucky Commonwealths Bank & Individuals \$6,000 John Curd
State of Kentucky }

Logan County Sct } At a County Court held for s'd County of Logan on the 6th day of March 1826 (being a court of Record in & for s'd County & State, John Curd who has subscribed the foregoing Schedule appeared in open Court and made oath that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed said John Curd further states on oath that the afors'd Schedule of Debts against him are real & Bonafide and not feigned or pretended the Court further certify that they are fully satisfied that the above valuation is correct and the full value of said John Curds estate
John Curd

The Commonwealth of Kentucky To the Sheriff of Logan County Greeting We command you that of the Estate of Samuel H Curd, Spencer Curd, Richard Curd, John Curd and John Breathitt late of your Bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of Fourteen hundred & thirty eight Dollars Eighty six cents with Interest thereon at six per centum per annum from 1st day of November 1822 until paid which Jacob H. Fort Surviving partner of Jacob H. Fort & Co lately in our Logan Circuit Court recovered against them for Debt Also the sum of One Dollar Ninety three & a half cents which to the said Jacob H Fort in the same Court were adjudged for his cost in that behalf expended whereof the said Samuel, Spencer, Richard, John Curd & John Breathitt are convicted as appears to us of Record And that you have the said sums before the Judge of our said Court, at the Courthouse on the 22^d day of July next to render to the said Jacob H. Fort survivor as afors'd of the Debt Interest and cost afors'd. and have then there this writ Witness Spencer Curd Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse afors'd the 24th day of May 1826 and in the 34 year of the commonwealth
Spencer Curd [as Clerk of Logan County]
 [On 18 Oct 1826 Jacob H. Fort stated that Richard Curd, John Curd, and John Breathitt had secured a debt owed by Spencer Curd and Samuel H. Curd.]

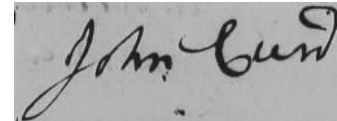
State of Kentucky }
 Logan County Sct } Be it remembered that heretofore Towit At a County Court held for Logan County at the Courthouse in Russellville on the Ninth day of August 1826 being the third day of the Term John Curd appeared in open Court and Exhibited the following Schedule of his estate on oath Towit "In conformity of an Act of Congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 I John Curd a resident citizen of Logan County & State of Kentucky And late a private in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War and inscribed on the Pension Roll of the Kentucky Agency do exhibit and give the following Schedule of my estate and income To wit,

2 Plows & gear @ \$8. . . .	\$16.00	
4 hoes.....	3.00	
3 old axes.....	6.00	
1 Loom & gear.	<u>10.00</u>	
	\$35.00	John Curd

I have no income only what I make by my coopering and from my advanced age and still continuing lame in one knee being entirely stiff it is but a small support for my self & wife who is also advanced in life being above sixty years old in addition to the above I would state that I am now living on a verry poor piece of Land belonging to one of my sons I would further state that the whole of my property with the Exception of the above has been sold by the Sheriff of Logan under Execution
John Curd
 I John Curd 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 person 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.
John Curd
 Sworn to in open court/ Teste Spencer Curd CILC

Kentucky Russelville Logan Cty
 Sir When Mr Addams was made Secatary of the united States [sic: John Quincy Adams, Secretary of State] under Mr Monroe he gave Publick notice by Advertisement that he would attend to The Claims of the Revelotinary officer and soldiers if directed to him to save the expence of doing it By agent &c and I Believing from your Publick and Private carracter that you think as much of them old [illegible word] as any man living I have taken the Liberty to enclose my Scedule to you Requesting you

to Lay it before the Secatay of War and Let me know its fate My claim was once allowed but when the law was Amended to make a Scedule necessary I could not at that time have one made out not knowing how my affairs stood as the Principle part of the dets I was Bound for then was Security dets and Those that I was Bound for Always told me Their was no danger and that I should Not be injured nor did I know untill Last winter that I was to Be totally Broke wh when suits was Brought against me Three times as much as my Property was worth Judgment obtained at the may Circuit court My Property was executed and sold and the dets not one third Paid Before Judgment was obaid I sent a Scedule of my Property with the dets I was Bound for To F Johnson then a member of congress From this district what was the objection to That Scedule I have not been informed only By a friend that had seen mr Johnson that it was not allowed I will Now give you a state of my infirm situation about 16 or 18 years ago I was taken with a white swelling in my left leg knee and thigh which caused my kee bone To grow fast together which Drawd my Leg in such a manner as to make it aBout 3 or 4 Inches shorter then the other My leg knee and thigh is much smaller than the other, At this time I have to walk with a stick to stedy my self to keep from falling down I serv'd my country In the Ninth virginia Regiment as a Private Soldier the whole Regiment was taken at the Battle at Germantown I was shot Through one thigh and the Bullet loged In the other which Remains there to this day My age is sixty six years the 16 of this month if any thing more is wantd To Establish my infirm situation you will Be pleasd to let me know it And you will oblige one who stands In Need of his countrys assistance
September 4th 1826



County of Logan S.S.

On this sixth day of November 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, for the County of Logan aforesaid, John Curd resident in said County aged upwards of sixty six 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Curd enlisted for the Term of about Twenty months late in the Summer or early in the Fall in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Woodson in the Ninth Regiment commanded by Colonel George Matthews in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corpse until the 4th day of October 1777 being the day of the Battle of German Town when he was wounded and taken prisoner by the enemy with the rest of the Regiment and was exchanged some time in the Summer 1778 in the State of New York when he was discharged, that his name has been placed on the pension list and whether dropped therefrom or not he does not know. And in pursuance of the Act of first of 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 person 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 (To wit)

2 plows & Gear	\$16.00.	4 hoes	\$3.00	\$19.00
3 old axes	\$6.00.	1 Loom & Gear	\$10	<u>16.00</u>
				\$35.00

John Curd

Said John Curd further states on oath that he has of late taken up the coopers trade (never having learnt it) that it is with considerable difficulty that he works at said trade from his advanced age and debility from a Reumatic affection in his right shoulder almost at altimes requiring help to dress himself he

further sates that he was wounded in the Battle of German Town & taken prisoner, the ball passing through one thigh & lodged in the other where it still remains that one of his knees is entirely stiff and his leg & thigh wasted away so that he cannot well walk without a staff to support him and that the stiff leg is about four Inches shorter than the other that he has a wife living with him who will be sixty five years of age the 11th day of next July and very infirm that his daughter Fanny Curd occasionally resides with him her age is between Twenty and Twenty two years of age that she occasionally assists in weaving &c but she being of age goes & comes at pleasure he has also a little Grand son living with him (his Father and Mother both being dead) aged about three years and eight months and a small negro girl belonging to my said Grand son, Richard H. Slaughter, My Son William Curd occasionally assists me in the support of my family but does it gratuitously he being free. that since I sent on a schedule dated the 6th day of march 1826 making the whole value of my property seventeen hundred Dollars the following Articles of property have been Executed and sold by the Sheriff (as per his certificate hereto annexed),
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Schedule of property sold by the Sheriff

[The schedule was not found in the file, but a document certified by Spencer Curd on 17 Feb 1827 reads in part as follows:] "I Levied this execution on the 3rd June 1826 on 180 acres Land where John Curd now lives one undivided moiety of 300 acres of Land patented to A Edwards & John Curd lying on Muddy river also the following negro slaves To wit, Patty & her two children Henry & Viney, Jack, Franky & her two children Cary & John Albert & Jeffery one yoke of oxen, 3 beds & furniture one table 2 smaller do. Cupboard & furniture one x cut saw one handsaw coopers tools 8 head of cattle 12 head of sheep 25 hogs one horse one old waggon which I sold at the house of said John Curd as his property on the 27 June 1826 on a credit of three months subject to all encumbrances & Presley Edwards became the purchaser of the whole of said Negroes except Jeffrey for the sum of Three hundred & Twenty Dollars & William E. Curd became the purchaser of Jeffrey and the balance of the property for \$125.75 cents and such entered into Bond as the Law directs which Bonds is herewith filed L. W. Hodges DS. for Boas Roberts S.L.C.

NOTES:

Only the most informative of the 104 pages in this file are transcribed here.

On 28 Jan 1839 Dr. James W. Wilson and William E. Curd, Sr. certified that "Major John Curd" died on 10 Sep 1838.

On 7 Feb 1839 Nancy W. Curd, age 77 in the following July, then living in Warren County KY, applied for a pension as the widow of John Curd. The file includes a copy of the marriage record as follows: "One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, July tenth, marre'd. John Curd to Miss Nancy W. Curd both of Gooch'd" (Goochland County). A letter dated 30 June 1843 indicates that her son, Richard Curd, Esq., acted as her agent. On 22 Feb 1843 Nancy W. Curd was living in Bowling Green and said to be 81 on or a bout 11 July 1843; on 9 April 1843 she was said to be 80.

The slaves and land of John Curd were further described as follows:

"Patty & her two children Henry & Viney two former dicripped & deseased Jack lame and not able to do a months work in a year, Frankey and her two children Albert & Catey Frankey verry near sighted – Jack and Albert Mortgaged to the Bank of Kentucky for \$520. Franky & Child Mortgaged to John S. Long for \$227.3. cents (See Longs affidavit) and sold subject to said Mortgages

180 Acres of Land (verry poor)

½ of 300 Acres none of which is fit for cultivation owned by A. Edwards & John Curd in partnership The 180 acres of Land Mortgaged to the Bank of the Commonwealth for \$120 and sold subject to the Mortgage – the 300 Acres is mostly taken by military claims Towit, Adam Shepherd, Joseph Nourse City of Washington & Henry Banks of Virginia"