

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Emerson W8694
Transcribed by Fred Weyler

Catherine Emerson

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Emerson John

VA (Catherine)
War of 1812

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(p2) Kentucky Certificate 13,444 to John Emerson of Green County
Lt in Russell's Virginia regiment for 2 years issued 21Jul1819. \$20/mo.

(p3) Kentucky certificate 1.675 to Catherine Emerson, widow of John Emerson
Widowed on 17Feb1836 of Cumberland Co KY, \$320/annum

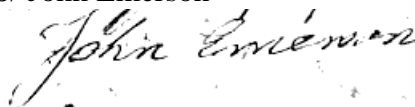
(p4) State of Kentucky

At a county court held for Green County at the court house in Greensburg the 28th day of April 1818 personally appeared John Emerson and made oath that he resides in the county and commonwealth aforesaid and that being in the sixty seventh year of his age and that he received a commission as a Lieutenant in the Continental Army in the year 1776 dated the 16th day of December in the Virginia line and thirteenth regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell and served in General Peter Muhlenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade and General Green's Division until the year 1778 when he was detached to Pittsburg under Colonel John Gibson who commanded the same regiment in November the 12th day 1778 being in a low state of health at Fort Mackintosh on the Ohio River and there being no fighting to do by the leave and consent of the colonel he went home and occasionally returned to the regiment but received

(p5) no pay from the time he went home altho the was generally out on the frontier against the Indians who were very troublesome in the neighborhood where his family then lived which was the real reason why he did not stay with the detached part of the army where there was no danger and for further proof produces the commission as stated and he farther states that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support such as in honor they are bound to give him. True it is that in his advanced age with difficulty he can make a kind of support for himself and family as an attorney at law and through the blessings of God and the humanity of our laws no man woman or child is to suffer for want of support but are given common food and raiment by the county where they reside. And altho his county at present honors him and has many years honored him as their

(p6) Representative in the State Legislature he verily believes the Law of Congress intends the donation given to the brave survivors to soften their pillow that in their declining life they may be free from the toils of their mind and the labour of their hands –Wherefore he states that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for that support which he thinks a revolutionary officer entitled to

S/ John Emerson



[routine county certification by Hiram S Emerson, Robert Barret, and Samuel Brent

(p15) a supplemental deposition on 26Jun1820 adds that his Captain was George McCormick and lists an inventory of assets:

one negro woman aged upwards of 70 years, one horse aged 16 years, 4 head of cattle, one cupboard and cupboard furniture, 25 hear of hogs, 18 chairs, one falling leaf table, a small writing table, kettles, ovens, pots &c belonging to the kitchen, two wan and irons, pr of tongs, shovel & spade, 6 bands, two bags, hand saw, large trunk, plow, ____, shovels, vase, and mans and womans saddle, two ____, candle sticks, a looking glass. I hold on different persons binds [bonds] amounting to \$2000-\$1715 of which are on persons supposed to be insolvent. I am justly indebted \$3000 or upwards, \$400 of which judg^t is obtained & execution issued & levied, nearly all the balance I am sued for. I have no money. I commenced the practice of law at about 52 years of age, but owing to my advanced age the business has left me. I have a wife the same when I was in the service of my country about 60 years of age. One son about 14 years old, the rest of my children having left me.

[routine county certification with estimate of assets set at \$240 value.]

(p46) Note from House of Representatives, Sherrod Williams, to J.L. Edwards, commissioner of pensions 07Sep1837 re/enclosed declaration of widow Catherine Emerson's pension application.
(p48) another letter 02Jan1838, Sherrod Williams to J. L. Edwards enclosing more proof from the widow.

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Gen^l Land Office
16th December 1828

It appears from the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia that David Humphreys as assignee of Lieutenant John Emerson who served during the War in the Virginia Continental Line received two warrants entitling him to bounty land for the services of said Emerson for the quantity of 1333 1/3 acres each.

G.W.Graham,
Commissioner

(p59) Washington City 27th May 1829
Sir,

John Emerson in his affidavit ~~no~~-states that a very (sic) few days after the Battle of Germantown in 1777 that by a general order of General Washington himself and Lieutenant Simian Morgan of the 13th Va Regiment were promoted to the rank of Captains. It is believed that the orderly books of General Washington are on file in the third auditor's office in an upper story and will establish this fact. It is therefore respectfully requested that an examination may be had to ascertain whether such is the fact.

27thMay 1829

Yours respectfully
Henry Northrup
Attorney for Jno Emerson

To the Honbl Secretary of the Treasury

(p73) The famous Charles Thomson Jr and somebody named John Hancock commission to captain certificate.

(p77) For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Emerson of the town of Burkesville in the county of Cumberland in the state of Kentucky do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and

served as such to the time when the arrangement of the army provided by the Resolves of Congress of the 3rd and 21st of October 1780 was carried into office and reduced under the arrangement at which period I was a captain in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line. And also I declare that I afterward received a certificate commonly called a commendation certificate for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22d of March 1783 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826 the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the agent for paying pensions in the State of Kentucky.

S/ John Emerson

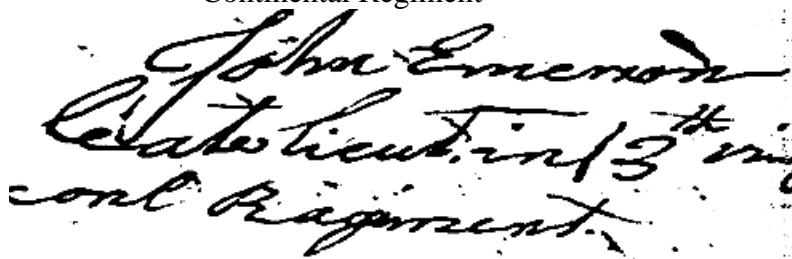
Supplemented by Will Graves 3/25/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I John Emerson of the County of Green & State of Kentucky a Lieutenant in the 13th Regiment Continental Regiment in the Revolutionary War do declare that I was in the month of April 1776 appointed by the committee at Pittsburgh a Lieutenant in what was called Crawford's Regiment, which was raised for the defense of the frontiers against the Indians, that we went in Partics [?] down the Ohio [River], to the mouth of the Muskingum River against the Indians and up the Allegheny River, that I continued in that Regiment until the month of November or December but think the latter month, at which time I was commissioned a Lieutenant in the 13th Regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell, which was the same Regiment commanded by Colonel Crawford, that I served in the said Regiment and was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777, of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & the skirmishing at the Iron Hills [this MAY be a reference to the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, DE, September 3, 1777] and that I served in the said office of Lieutenant until the peace and was never suspended, superseded, cashiered or disgraced. Given under my hand this 28th day of August 1820 –

S/ John Emerson
late Lieutenant 13th Virginia
Continental Regiment

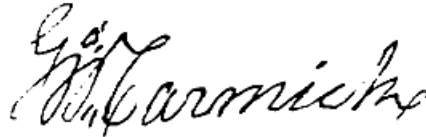


John Emerson
late lieutenant in 13th Virginia
cont Regiment

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I George McCarmick¹ of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky, formerly a Captain in the 13th Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War, Do certify that John Emerson was a Lieutenant in my Company, & commissioned. – That the said John Emerson was appointed on the first of March 1776 & was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown – in the fall of 1778 he is marched with the Regiment to Pittsburgh & continued a Lieutenant in my Company until the commencement of November of 1779 when he was deranged & attached to another Regiment – & that I did not see him afterwards in service – That from the first March 1776 to the commencement of the summer 1779 that he belonged to my Company, he behaved always as a good & faithful officer & was never cashiered or disgraced to my knowledge.

S/ Geo. McCarmick

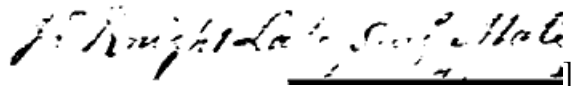


I John Emerson of the County of Green & State of Kentucky do declare that I was appointed a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain George McCarmick belonging to the 13th Virginia Regiment, then commanded by Colonel Crawford, on the first day of March 1776 – that I was stationed with the company at Fort Pitt from the time of my appointment until sometime in the Spring of 1777 when I was marched with the Regiment to Philadelphia & joined the main Army, & was at the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown – That in the fall of 1778 I marched back with the Regiment to Fort Pitt & continued to serve as a Lieutenant in the said Company until the commencement of the summer of 1779 when I was ordered [indecipherable word] Colonel Gibson to Fort McIntosh to defend the frontiers against the Indians & continued in Gibson's & Crawford's Regiment until the close of the war, that I served as a Lieutenant from the said first day of March 1776 to the peace of 1783 & was never cashiered, superseded or disgraced, that I sent on my commission with other papers to the War office in 1818 for the purpose of getting my pension under a late act of Congress.

S/ John Emerson

[attested in Green County Kentucky September 7, 1819]

[Note: this file also an affidavit given by John Knight², late of a surgeon's mate but the digital image posted is totally illegible other than a very few words at the bottom of the page including a faint signature by Knight



¹ [George McCarmick \(McCormick\) S36105](#)

² [John Knight W12051](#)