

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Saxson (Sexton) W8711 Leah f46VA
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State of Kentucky Whitley County Sct

On this fifth day of July 1826, personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record, made so by act of assembly of Kentucky, possessed of unlimited jurisdiction and proceeding according to the course of the Common law, it being part of the 15 Judicial District, William Saxson, by some spelt Sexton, resident in said County aged seventy-eight years old last February, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that he the said William Saxson enlisted for the term of six years (should the war so long continued) on the ___ day of May 1776, to the best of his recollection, in the County of Augusta at a place called the Muster ground in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Harbut¹ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he was enlisted by Colonel Campbell himself and placed by the Colonel under Captain Harbut; that he the said William Saxson continued to serve in the said Corps for the term of three years when he obtained from said Colonel Campbell a furlough to visit his friends in Augusta County Virginia, that he obtained said furlough upon the Delaware River on which side he does not recollect but was a place called Schalkill [Schuykill] that his furlough was for three months that on his return his horse fell with him & broke the Cap of his knee & right shoulder; that previous to the expiration of his furlough he hired (being unable to return) Joseph Street to serve out the balance of his term of enlistment, for which he gave him the sum of \$200 & necessary clothing which was received by Colonel William Campbell & placed him in the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan of the Virginia line on Continental establishment; that in the year 1779 at the Royal Oak in Augusta County aforesaid he obtained from Colonel William Campbell a discharge for three years service performed by him aforesaid & in the year 1782 he likewise obtained from Colonel Campbell a discharge for three years service by the said Joseph Street at the same place he received his own discharge the said Street served out his term of three years, these discharges were lost the 8 of February last by fire his house being consumed by fire that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except the Continental Army aforesaid and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that previous to his house getting burnt he had a sufficiency to live on, that the whole of his house furniture and clothing were burnt up except two beds – And in pursuance of the act of the 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

¹ The war Department speculated that this officers name was William Harbert or William Herbert.

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, to wit, 100 acres of poor land of the value of (& no more) \$75.00, \$50 being the price put on it by the Commissioner of state tax

8 head of small and grown cattle of the value of	\$25.00
about 12 head of grown & small hogs of the value of	8.00
5 head of sheep	<u>5.00</u>

Total \$113.00

the above being the amount of property owned by him now. On the 18th of March 1818, he owned five horses of the value of \$250 and no more all of which died with the yellow water except one of the value of \$40 which died about one year since with old age. Cattle at the date aforesaid of the value of \$20, hogs of the value of \$10 and no changes have taken place in his cattle and hogs except what has been made use of full family use. At present he owes nothing and nothing owing to him.

S/ William Saxson, X his mark

That he is by Occupation a farmer but owing to old age he is unable to do but little indeed he is not able to render any assistance for his support, his family consists of the following persons, his wife Leavia about 60 years of age unable to support herself by work, his son Easome [?] 22 years of age & single able to support himself and by his labor he & his wife are supported.

S/ Wm Saxson, X his mark

James Sexson [sic] a respectable witness made oath in Court he knows the statement made by his farther [father] Wm Saxson as to his property is true & as to his value he believes it about correct.

[f p. 16: Order entered by Gustavus Clark, clerk of the Court of Probate of Lawrence County Indiana that satisfactory proof had been submitted at the November term 1848 to show that William Sexson late of the County of Whitley and State of Kentucky, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution, died 31st day of December 1829 leaving a view widow Loar Sexson [sic] and the following children by his said widow, to wit, James, Enoch, Jacob, Peggy Long (wife of Robert Long), William, Samuel and Joel and the following grandchildren by their son Free Sexson, deceased, to wit Morgan F., Wallace P., Greenberry R., William A., Jane, Elizabeth, Peggy, Caroline and Polly; and that said Loar Sexson survived her husband until August 18, 1739 when she also died in Greene County Indiana without having married and without leaving any other children.]

[Facts in file: the veteran moved from Wythe County Virginia about the year 1800 to Whitley County Kentucky where he died; the widow moved from Whitley County Kentucky to Greene County Indiana in 1831; in 1848, James Saxson and Enoch Saxson were living in Whitley County Kentucky; Jacob Saxson was living in Des Moines County Iowa; Peggy, wife of Robert Long, was living in Green County Indiana; William W. was living in Laurel County Kentucky; Lemuel or Samuel Saxson was living in Greene County Indiana; and Joel Saxson was living in Greene County, Indiana.; Free Saxson died in Illinois (date not stated).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 6, 1826, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years. Veteran's widow's heirs were awarded a pension in right of her claim at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending August 18 1837.]