

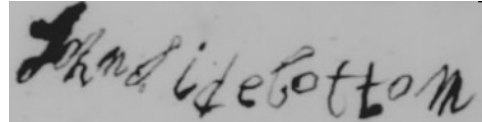
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Sidebottom W8727      Agnes Sidebottom      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 May 2021.

4<sup>th</sup> Judicial DISTRICT OF Kentucky, SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818, before me the subscriber, Judge of the Circuit Court of the said district, personally appeared Joseph Sidebottom aged 63 years, resident in Henry County in the said district, who being by me 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 Joseph Sidebottom enlisted in Prince William County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles West in Feb 1776 of the 3<sup>d</sup> Virg’a. Regt. commanded by Col Wheeden [sic: George Weedon] of the Virginia line commanded By Gen’l [William] Woodford; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the month of Feby 1778, when he was discharged from service in Valley Forge state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] — he again served in the Militia and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] 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 his said services.

I John Sidebottom [W8775] of the County of Clarke and State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Soldier in Capt West’s Company in Col. Wheedens Regiment in the Virginia line upon Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War – that I knew in service Joseph Sidebottom who is a brother of mine, and served in the same Company – that the said Joseph Sidebottom enlisted to serve two years and that he served out the said time & was honorably discharged.  
[1 July 1818]

A handwritten signature in dark ink on a light background, reading "John Sidebottom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Fourth Judicial District of Kentucky SS.  
Henry County

On this fifteenth day of August 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district, for the circuit and county of Henry Joseph Sidebottom aged 65 years, resident in Henry County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted first in the minute service in the year 1775 and that he served one year. He reenlisted when the year expired at Hampton in the State of Virg’a in 1776 in the Company commanded by Capt Charles West of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virg’a Regt commanded by Col. (afterwards Genl Weeding) of Genl Woodfords Brigade and that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States untill year 1778 when he was discharged at Valley forge in Pennsylvania by Genl Woodford. he was in the Battles of Brandywine nd German Town and that was placed on the pension list roll of the U.S. under the law passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 by certificate bearing date the 23<sup>d</sup> day of Dec’r 1818 – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

And I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) 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 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.

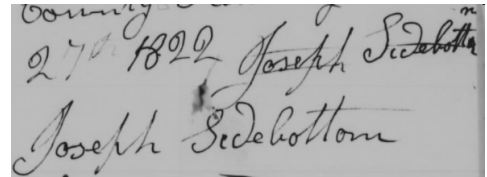
1 mare 24 years old \$10	One horse 10 yrs old \$40	\$50.00
13 Sheep \$13	16 head of Hogs \$16	29.00
4 Cows	4 Calves & 2 yearlings	43.00
2 potts \$5	1 Oven \$2	2 Skilletts \$2
2 Axes \$3	2 Hoes \$2	14.00
2 plows \$9	Cupboard & Table \$12	1 Chest 2
		<u>23.00</u>
		159.00
6 Chairs \$3	6 Knives & forks \$1.50	3 spoons $\frac{2}{3}$ }
2 Piggins [?] washing tub \$1.50	1 Iron wedge 3	2 [illegible] } <u>11.81<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u>
		170.81 $\frac{1}{4}$

Joseph hisXmark Sidebottom

I have 9 Children 5 Girls and 4 Boys 5 are married all poor persons have no slaves nor no land There is one Daughter lives with her sister. 3 lives 2 Boys & 1 Girl The oldest Boy is 20 years of age The other Boy is about [?] years old. both of them Hearty. The other a Girl 22 years old healthy woman — Given under my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug't 1821

Joseph hisXmark Sidebottom

D Sir [Secretary at War] I Sent my Sechudle of my Situation in Life of all the Property I Poscess I wish you to let me know whther I am Continued a Pensioner amonngt the old Revlution Soldiers or Not  
Henry County Kentucky  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1822



State of Kentucky

Henry County Sct

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record in the said County of Henry and State of Kentucky having the power of fine and imprisonment and which proceeds and have been solemnly adjudged by the tribunals of the Several States to be Courts of record the said Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, Joseph Sidebottom resident of said County aged 67 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the provissions made by acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 the 1 May 1820 & the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1823. that he the said Joseph Sidebottom enlisted for the Term of two years on the [blank] day of October in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt West in the rigiment commanded by Colonel Weeden in the line of the State of Virginia in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment on the Continental establishment. that he continued to serve in the Corps untill the year 1778 when he was discharged from the said service in Pennsylvania at Valley forge in the State of Pennsylvania.

[Oath similar to the above]

property now Owned

1 House worth	\$20
2 Cows & Calf	10
7 Sheep	7
2 Year old Heifer	2.50
Table	4
½ chairs	3
12 Shoats & 1 Sow	5
Cupboard &c	<u>5</u>
	\$56.50

property Cont'd in 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule

1 Old mare	\$10
1 Ten year old mare	40
1 Horse	40
3 Cows & Calves	10
3 Yearlings amt not recollected	—
14 head Sheep	14
1 Cupboard &c I believe	<u>5</u>
	\$119

The above is all property contained in 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule as

Joseph hisXmark Sidebottom

well as I can recollect. the Original Schedule being sent on to the War department only [undeciphered] taken by the Clerk as he informed me of the proceedings then had before the Court.

Since the Exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes hath taken place

Sold my sheep to Rawlings for \$30 in 1821

The old mare is dead

3 Head of Cattle died in range, or run off

7 Head Sheep died

Swaped the 10 year old mare for present Horse Joseph hisXmark Sidebottom

And further at the time and place aforesaid further made Oath that he is a common Labourer and not able to support himself. he has only two children living with him Towit John aged 22 who will shortly leave him, Lucinda aged 24 years, who are only able to support themselves the Boy is to leave him and may by his Industry support himself Joseph hisXmark Sidebottom

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Executive of the State of Virginia [Tremble County KY, 4 Sep 1844]

The Memorial of Isaac Sidebottom John Sidebottom sons of Joseph Sidebottom late of Henry County Kentucky a Soldier of the Virginia line in the army of the Revolution Polly Sidebottom Daughter of said Soldier Lucinda Hedges formerly Lucinda Sidebottom another daughter of the said Joseph Sidebottom heirs at Law of the said Joseph Sidebottom.

Your Memorialists will Respectfully represent that while they were too young to have personal knowledge of the services of their ancestor in the army of the Revolution they are advised and believe that he enlisted for the term of three years in the Virginia Continental line in the army of the Revolution and faithfully served out the same and thereby became entitled to Bounty Land from the Commonwealth of Virginia which he during his life never made application for. that he was allowed a Pension under the act of Congress passed in the year 1818 at the rate of \$96 per annum which was paid down to his death which took place in the year 1840. That they have been informed that that his name is inscribed on the army Register of Virginia as one bein entitled to Bounty Land under the Laws of Virginia and therefore Respectfully ask leave to Refer to the evidence furnished by the Register for the proof of the right of said Soldier to bounty land.

Your Memorialists believe it to be their right as well as their duty to receive that which was so arduously and honorably Earned by their ancestor Most Respectfully ask the Executive of his native State to grant an allowance for the quantity of Land promised by said Commonwealth to the soldiers of his grade and this they will ever pray

Most Respectfully your Ob't Ser'ts Isaac Sidebottom

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file indexed as Sidebottom, John.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 4th day of December 1783, in the name of Joseph Sidebottom as a Soldier of Infantry for £16.6.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Peyton and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 14th day of March 1842.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

The Evidence of Mrs. Catharine Davis Taken before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County of Prince Wm. & State of Virginia this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1841 – as follows –

question – did you know any thing of Joseph and John Sidebottoms Respecting the Revolution War

answer as to Joseph Sidebottoms – he enlisted and went to the War whither he served during the war or not I do not know – as to John Sidebottoms he enlisted & went to the war, and did not return until the war was over; and I heard him say he served during the war in the Continental line

question 2<sup>nd</sup>

What do you know Respecting the heirs of John & Joseph Sidebottoms

answer. I know Nancy Sidebottoms a very old woman She is the sister to Both John & Joseph Sidebottoms and the only living heir to Either of them that I know anything of or that is living at this time Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> August 1841. Catharine herXmark Davis

#### NOTES:

Joseph Sidebottom is recorded as a “Free White” in the 1820 and 1830 federal censuses, but according to the pension application of Charles Lander (S31198), Joseph Sidebottom and his brother John (W8775) were “Two Coloured men.”

On 22 May 1839 Agnes Sidebottom, age 76 on the following 1 Sep, applied for a pension stating that her maiden name was Agnes Stapp, that she was married to Joseph Sidebottom in 1784 near Danville in then Mercer County KY by a Presbyterian preacher named Rice, and that her husband died 11 May 1839. In the file is a copy of a bond signed 4 Aug 1784 by Joseph Sidebottom and Patrick Shields for the marriage of Sidebottom to “Agatha Step.” Other documents state that in 1823 a son John was 22 and a daughter Lucinda was 24, and in 1839 the oldest child was 53.