

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Snell W9305

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State of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct.

On the 21st day of March A.D. 1838 Personally appeared before Joel Frazer a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Mrs. Mary Snell the widow & relict of Lewis Snell Deceased aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836 to wit: That she was born on the 12th day of March in the year 1763 in Culpeper County State of Virginia & at the age of 17 years old on the 22nd day of November 1780 she was married to Lewis Snell her husband in the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia that her said Husband as a single man entered the service of the Revolution in October 1778 for a Tour of duty of three months under Colonel James Barbear [James Barbour] & marched through Orange County &c and at the end of said Tour was honorably discharged at Fredericksburg Virginia the other officers under whom he entered or marched or not I heard now recollected though the service & Tour distinctly retained upon her memory because at the time she was betrothed to him and well remembers the Solicitude arising from that relation his absence created in her mind that her said Husband, in March 1779 again volunteered under Captain William Kirtley and Colonel __Harvey for the term of twelve months and whilst in the service held the office of 1st Sergeant and was stationed at the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia near Charlottesville to guard the Hessians & after the expiration of said term of twelve months he was honorably discharged and returned home the other officers I cannot now recollect. That in April 1780 her said Husband again volunteered in the Militia of Culpeper County Virginia under Captain Elisha Kirtley one of her cousins Colonel James Barbour Major Elliott Rucker for a Tour of three months & during which time he held the office of 1st Sergeant & marched to the North but to what place he cannot now recollect owing to her age & the great length of time since it took place nor can she recollect any of the other Officers under whom he served though she thinks they marched to Philadelphia & was honorably discharged & returned home. In March 1781 her husband the said Lewis Snell again volunteered in the militia of Culpeper County Virginia under Captain Elijah Kirtley Major Henry Hill, Colonel James Slaughter & General __Mughlinburg [Peter Muhlenberg] for a tour of duty of two months acting as 1st Sergeant & marched to Richmond Virginia Norfolk Petersburg & Chesterfield and at the expiration of his said Tour he was honorably discharged at the rocky Mills in Henrico County Virginia & returned home. And in September 1781 the said Lewis Snell again volunteered in the Militia of Culpeper County Virginia for a Tour of duty of three months under Captain Elijah Kirtley Ensign Odel Colonel Henry Hill & Major John Graves & marched to the siege of little York & during the siege the said Lewis Snell was promoted to the office of Ensign in the place of Ensign Odel removed & held the office of Ensign until the surrender of the British Army in

October & until they guarded the British prisoners into Frederick County West of the Blue Ridge & was there honorably discharged as an Ensign & returned home late in in November following that whilst he was in his last Tour of service she was ill in child bed having borne her – their eldest child Elizabeth now living in Harrison County Kentucky who was born the 27th day of August 1781 and from the fact of her then illness & situation she well remembers his last Tour of Service & its termination. And she further states that the said Lewis Snell her late husband departed this life in Harrison County State of Kentucky on the 19th day of February in the year 1820.

S/ Mary Snell, X her mark

[f p. 5: pages scrambled:]

State of Kentucky Campbell County: Sgt.

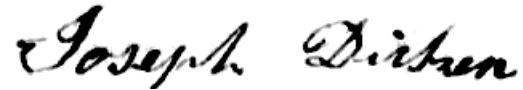
I Joseph Dickin¹ [Joseph Dicken] do hereby certify, that Lewis Snell turned out as a volunteer in the militia in Culpeper County & State Virginia in March 1781 acting as 1st Sergeant under General Muhlenberg Colonel James Slaughter and Major Henry Hill for a Tour of two months duty, Captain & other officers not recollected, And marched to Richmond Virginia and continued on to Sandy Point, on James River crossed the same and continued on near to Norfolk, and there we learned that Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was meeting us and not being able to fight him we then turned and went to Petersburg and on our way destroyed a Bridge when Tarleton and his men came up: we had [f p. 10] a small battle. We then turned our course and crossed James River again about seven miles above Richmond, and marched down to the Town and while there Tarleton and his men came up and burned the town of Manchester [April 30, 1781] on the opposite side of the River, in our view. A reinforcement of militia then joined us, and we marched below Richmond and crossed James River again and marched in pursuit of Tarleton to Chesterfield Court House from which place we had to retreat back and crossed James River again, near the old Manakin Towns and marched to the Rocky Mills, in Henrico County, Virginia and was then honorably discharged. And in September 1781 the said Lewis Snell again volunteered in the Militia of Culpeper County Virginia for a Tour of three months, and marched to the siege of little York, Acting as first Sergeant under the command of Colonel Henry Hill and Major John Graves, the other Officers not recollected and remained there until the surrender of the British Army in October following and Assisted in guarding the prisoners up into Frederick County West of the Blue Ridge, and was there honorably discharged and returned home late in November following. This I know from the fact of my being intimately acquainted with the said Lewis Snell both before and whilst in the service, and though we were not in [f p. 11] the same Company, we were in the same Regiment, And were often together as old and intimate acquaintances, and Associates on both of said Tours of duty. And I believe him to be as honestly entitled to a pension as any who served in the revolution. And I have no doubt on my mind, but what he was out many Tours of duty for I well recollect that he was one of the most Zealous and untiring Whigs in this region where he lived, And no man excelled him as a vigilant and faithful Soldier.

I further certify that I was intimately acquainted with Mrs. Mary Snell the wife of the aforesaid Lewis both before and after their marriage. I was not at their wedding but heard it spoken of in the latter part of the year 1780 as a matter of general rumor and notoriety in the neighborhood where we resided. Before their intermarriage her name was Mary Kirtley. When Lewis Snell served the first Tour of duty in the year 1781 he and Mrs. Snell were living together

¹ Joseph Dicken FPA S3287

as man & wife, and were reputed and received as such by their acquaintances since that time and they still continued to live together as man & wife, and as such were highly respected in society up to the death of the said Lewis Snell.

S/ Joseph Dicken

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Dicken". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[The affidavit of Dicken is attested on page 8. The attestation is dated May 19, 1838 and in it Dicken is described as "a minister of the Gospel, a Gentleman of good demeanor and credibility.]

[f p. 6: On March 18, 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky, Polly E. Weaver gave testimony that Elizabeth Jamison was formerly Elizabeth Snell the eldest child of Lewis and Mary Snell; that Elizabeth was born in Culpeper County in August 1781; that she (the affiant) was acquainted with Lewis and Mary before their marriage; that Mary's name before her marriage was Mary Kirtley.]

[f p. 14: On October 22, 1853 in Harrison County Kentucky, Joseph Shanhan, 72 gave testimony that Mary Snell the widow of Lewis Snell died September 19, 1853 in Harrison County Kentucky; that she left 4 children surviving: Joseph Snell, Nancy Fry, Sally Logan, and Lucretia Williams; that Joseph Snell and Lucretia Williams reside in Missouri; Nancy Fry resides in Bourbon County Kentucky & Sally Logan resides in Harrison County Kentucky.]

[f p. 31: On March 24, 1848 in Harrison County Kentucky, on complaint of Charles Williams and wife against Mary Snell, Mary Snell was found to be a person of unsound mind and that James Jamieson was appointed to take charge of her person and estate.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum for her husband's service in the revolution.]