

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Demoss W9832 Lucy Demoss VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 29 Aug 2019.

Sir Richmond 20th March 1798

I have received your Letter of the 12th Instant, and agreeably to your request have examined the Office, and find that a warrant was obtained for all the Land you were entitled to from the State of Virginia, but who received the warrant does not appear from the Books. You are entitled to an additional allowance of Land from the General Government, if you have not already drawn it – this must be obtained from the War Office in Philadelphia, by applying yourself, or giving a power of Attorney to some person to act for you.

I am/ Yr. Friend
James Wood [BLWt2419-500]

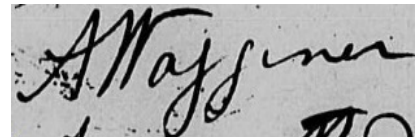


State of Indiana } Sct
Dearborn County }

On this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Dearborn Circuit Court in and for the County of Dearborn personally appeared John Demoss aged Sixty four years Resident in said County of Dearborn 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 John Demoss enlisted in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Andrew Waggoner [sic: Andrew Waggener BLWt2424-400] in the Twelfth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel James Wood in the Virginia Line on the Continental establishment sometime in the Spring of 1776 as well as he now recollects, in which company he continued to Serve in the Service of the United States fighting against the Common enemy until the battle of Camden in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781] where nearly the whole company in which he served was cut off by the british, after which time this deponent was Transferred into the fourth Virginia Regiment (the Commandants of which, he has forgotten) in which Regiment he continued in the Service of the United States until after the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], at which time this deponent was at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina, where the said 4th Regiment lay at said time, after which time he was marched to Winchester, and then employed as a waggoner in the service of the United States, to transport the baggage of the French Army Commanded by the Marquis de laFayette, from Williamsburgh in Virginia to Boston, during said time the army was disbanded and the soldiers discharged so that this deponent never obtained a discharge nor applied for any after his return, not considering that the same would be of any utility to him afterward and being Ignorant of the proper officer or person to apply to, the officers being all distant That he was in the bottles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine 11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown 4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and Camden as also in Several Skirmishes. 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 John hisXmark Demoss

I do Certify that John Demoss Inlested in the the in The State Service in the year 1775 and Reinliested in the Continantal Service for Dureing the Warr in year 77 Which Time He Served Given under My Hand this 22 Day of Decemb’r 1800

A Waggener late mj’r [Major] of the 8th Vigi’a. Reg’t



District of Indiana }
Dearborn County } Sct
Dearborn Circuit Court }

On this Twenty first day of February 1822 personally appeared in open court in the Dearborn Circuit Court, it being a Court of Record in and for the County of Dearborn John Demoss aged 66 years a resident citizen of the said County of Dearborn, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his his solemn oath declare and say that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit: That he served in the 12th Regiment of Infantry in the Virginia line commanded by General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] and in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Waggoner in the virginia line aforesaid on the Continental establishment that he was present at and fought in the Battles of Brandywine Germantown Monmouth and Stony Point [storming of Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] that he has received a pension of eight dollars per month from the United States that the date of his original declaration is January 10th 1820, and the number of his original certificate is 12.299 And 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 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 2 Blind horses	\$40 —
1 cow	12
2 yearlings	8
11 young hogs	10
1 axe	2 —
6 old chairs	1.50
1 cracked Iron kettle	1.00
1 d[itt]o d’o pot	1.00
1 Frying pan	75
1 plough (old)	2.00
4 sets of chains old	4.00
1 old hitch[?]	1.00
4 knives & forks	<u>50</u>
	\$83.75

That I am by occupation a farmer but growing old and infirm, but partially able to pursue that calling that the number of my family is two; myself & my wife aged 56 years wholly unable to labour; ~~and my daughters Polly aged [illegible] years unable from a [illegible word] unhealthy constitution to labour.~~

John hisXmark Demoss

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Do Certify that John Demoss a Soldier in the 12th Virginia Regt inlisted in Dec’r 1776 for the war which time he Served

A Waggoner late Major

Copy. Cha Jones Clk

James Wood B.G.

[other side]

Pleas to Settle my acct with the Auditors and receive my land warrant

Major Waggoner

John Demoss

NOTES:

On 16 Nov 1844 Lucy Demoss, said to be 83 since the previous September 24, applied for a pension stating that as Lucy Chapel she married John Demoss in New Kent County VA on 5 Jan 1787, and he died in Decatur County IN on 12 Aug 1844. Dorothy Sortwell, 54, daughter of John and Lucy Demoss, certified the family register transcribed below, four pages of which are shown. On 5 Oct 1848 Lucy Demoss was said to be 89 and a resident of Clay Township in Decatur County.

JOHN DEMOSS Was Born Sept'r ye 16th Day in the year of our Lord 175[?]
and was Married January ye 3^d Day A.D. 1787, TO

LUCY CHAPEL His Wife, who was Born September ye 24th Day the Year of our Lord 1765

PETER DEMOSS Son of John Demoss & Lucy his Wife was Born December ye 15th Day in the Year of our Lord 1788

DOROTHY DEMOSS Daughter of John Demoss & Lucy his Wife was Born September ye 28^d Day in the Year of our Lord 1790

SUSANNA DEMOSS Daughter of John Demoss & Lucy his Wife was Born February ye 28th Day in the Year of our Lord 1793

SARAH DEMOSS Daughter of John Demoss & Lucy his Wife was Born February ye 8th Day in the Year of our Lord 1796

[The following entries are in a different style.]

JHON ghon Demoss son of ghon Demoss and lucy his Wife was Born December ye 10th day in the year of our lord 1798

Charley Demoss Son of ghon Demoss and lucy his wife was Born Fabury ye 8th Day in the year of our lord 1800

lucy Demoss Daughter of ghon Demoss and lucy his wife was Born September ye 6th Day in the year of our lord 1803

Mary Demoss the Daught of john Demoss and lucy his wife was Born in Juley the 6 in the year of our Lord 1807

Didama Sortwell was Born October 17th 1811

Lucinda D. Sortwell was born December 28th 1813

Children of Justice Sortwell & Dorothy his wife

Elijah D Reno was born Augus 26th 1815

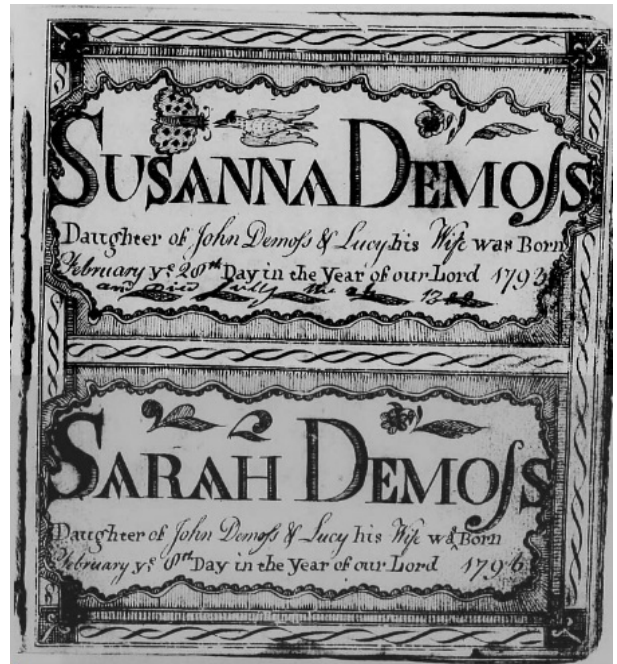
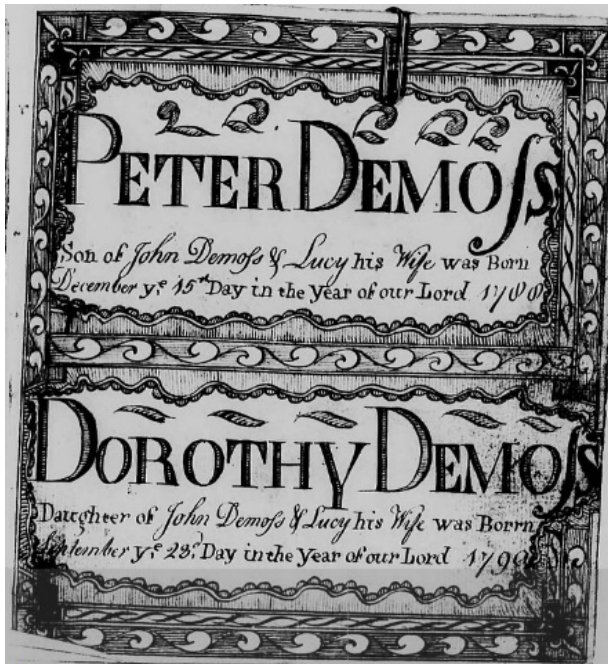
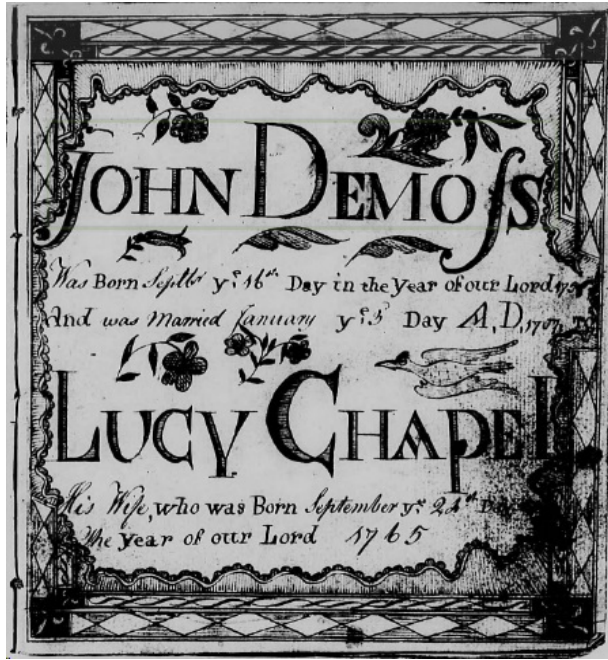
Mary Reno was born 27th Day of January 1813[?]

Susannah Reno was born in the year of our Lord Eight Teen hundred Eightteen May

Jane Jardon Was Born In Mondens[?] Burgh August the 18th 1817

Elary Reno was Born March the the Seventeen Day 1821

William Reno was born November the



14 + 1810 John Demoss his Book 1803 August