

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas A. Sikes (Sykes) W991 Sarah f63VA
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District of West Tennessee SS

On this 19th day of May 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Courts of the United States for the District of East and West Tennessee personally appeared, Thomas A Sikes aged sixty years resident in the County of Rutherford and 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 Thomas A Sikes enlisted for the Term of three years on the 9th day of January 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Winston in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davy [William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States the full Term of 3 years, when he was discharged from service. That he was in the battle of Paulers hook [Paulus Hook August 19, 1779]. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

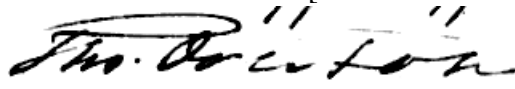
Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid
S/ John McNairy, District Judge S/ Thomas A Sikes



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I certify that Thomas A Sikes was a soldier in Captain John Winston's Company of the 14th Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment and that he served three years in said Regiment which was the term of his enlistment and that at this time he is old, poor & infirm – and that he stands in need of the aid of his Country for support

S/ Tho. Overton [Thomas Overton]



late Captain
in the Continental Army
of the United States

On this 19th of May 1820 General Thomas Overton came before me and made oath that the [indecipherable word] of the foregoing Certificate are true. Witness my hand
S/ John McNairy, District Judge

District of West Tennessee Rutherford December Quarter Sessions 1820

On this 26th day of December in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court, the court of pleas & quarter Sessions held for the County of Rutherford aforesaid the same being a court of record, Thomas A Sikes, of the said County aged sixty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Thomas A Sikes, enlisted for the term of three years on the 9th day of January 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Winston in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps the full sum of three years, when he was discharged from the said service.

That he was in the battle of Paulers hook & that he has no other evidence, now in his power of his said services, excepting his own oath, his discharge being out of his power.

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 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

Schedule of real & personal property
belonging to Thomas A Sikes

1 Sorrel Mare	\$60	Table furniture & table	\$8
1 Dun Mare & Sorrel Colt	55	8 Chairs	4
2 Cows & 1 year old calf	20	kitchen furniture	8
2 Sows 5 Shoats	9	farming tools	10
Pork	18	one Shot gun	6
2 Beds Bedstead & furniture	40	1 small chest & 1 old Chest	2.50
1 flat iron	\$.50	Candle stick & shuffers	\$.37
1 Bell \$.30 old books	1.50	1 Handsaw & 2 chisels	2.50
1 Loom & 2 Spinning wheels	2	2 Pair Cards	1.50
2 Saddles \$15		2 Slaighs	1.25
Amt of Debts owing to Thomas A Sikes	\$75	2 Iron Wedges Shoemakers tools	2
Debts owing by the said Thomas A Sikes amounting to \$286.40 – value of property after payment of debts \$67.72 ½			
Weap [?] hook	\$0.50		

S/ Thomas A Sikes

The occupation of said Thomas A Sikes is that of a farmer but on account of his age & bodily infirmities he is unable to pursue his business so as to obtain a necessary maintenance, He has living with him a wife Sarah Sikes aged sixty years also two daughters one of whom is named Rebeccah Sikes aged 26 years the other named Mary aged 24 years & two small children issue of

Mary Sikes one of whom is a boy named Carril 3 years old & the other is a girl named Sarena aged one year all of which said persons on account of age & want of education can hardly contribute to their own support – & much less to the support of their infirm father.

S/ Thomas A Sikes

[f pp. 46-50: On August 25, 1823 in Rutherford County Tennessee, the veteran filed yet another complete application for a pension restating his services as set forth in his prior applications and giving a detailed reconciliation of the changes in his property since his filing of his schedule of property in 1820. I elected not to transcribe this document but it may be of interest to family members.]

[f p. 13: On December 22nd, 1838 in Bedford County Tennessee, Sarah Sikes, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas A Sikes (or Sykes) who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him October 13, 1783; that he died September 5, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 16: Family record:

Elisibethan Sikes was born September the 5 1785

Jese Sikes was born October the 13 1787

Susanna Sikes was born april the 10 1789

Rebecker Sikes was born September the 16 1791

Jonas Sikes was born July the 3 1793

Nansy Sikes was born July the 13 1794

John and Mary Sikes was born August the 23 [could be 25] 1797

Robert Sikes was born October the 16 1799

Ann Johns west was born July the 25 1809

Nansy Love was born December the ???????

William Love was born October 1 1799

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 25, 1823, for his service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]