

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Short S37386

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Fourth Judicial District State of Kentucky Sct

Gallatin County & Circuit Towit

On this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord one one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven personally appeared in Open Court a circuit Court for the County aforesaid, being a Court of record of unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and proceeding according to the Course of Common Law, with power to fine and imprison, John Short resident in said County aged sixty seven years, 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 18th of March 1818 and on the 1st day of May 1820. that he the said John Short enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on the [blank] day of August 1780 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Simon Morgan, in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Campbell [sic: Richard Campbell] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps untill the 17th day of January 1782 when he was, when he was honorably discharged from the service at Salsberry [sic: Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina. Now in persuance of the act of the 1st 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 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 person 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.

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| One Old Sorrel mare aged 20 years of the value of | \$20. |
| One Sorrel mare and Colt | 30. |
| One Cow & Calf \$8. Yearling Calf \$2 | 10. |
| Stock Hogs sows, Shoats & pigs about 30 head | 18. |
| Plough \$2. An old axe 50. hoe 25 pot \$1.25 Corn \$125 | 5.25 |
| Skillet 75. 5 plates 25. 3 knives & forks 50 chairs \$2 | 3.50 |
| One old pewter dish & bason much injured | .75 |
| One old saddle \$1. 2 old collars 50 | 1.50 |
| And Old Cupboard or Box & pot Hooks | 1.00 |
| Two Old Chest & Clevis | 2.50 |
| Mr. Craig Miles Owes me a two year old steer | 3.00 |
| Due to me from Mr Smith | 1.75 |
| Due to me from Stephen Davis | <u>2.00</u> |
| | \$98.75 |

I owe the following Debts

To Mill's Lundy due on demand \$20. Jos Tanes \$3. James Kelly 4 or 5 Dollars to Jacob Blessing \$2. to Lewis Easteday \$2

John hisXmark Short

I the said John Short am by occupation a farmer living by myself haveing neither wife or children I am old and infirm haveing suffered much by sickness and require the aid of my Country, that heretofore by hard labour and industry he has been able to support himself which is the cause of my not applying sooner for a pension

John hisXmark Short

I Nicholas Lafon of the County of Woodford & State of Kentucky do hereby certify that John Short now a Citizen of the County of Gallatin and State afores'd. did enlist as private Soldier in the County of Caroline in the state of Virginia some time in the month of July or August in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty and proceeded on immediately to Chesterfield Barracks in Chesterfield County Virginia where he was placed under the Command of Captain Simon Morgan and that some time, I think in March 1781 Captain Morgan with his company was sent on to the Southward to join the Troops under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and that the said Short went on In Company of Captain Morgan. I further state that my brother Thomas Lafon was detached and went on at the same time in the same Company, and that I have since heard my said brother say that the said Short and himself was honerably discharged at Salsberry in North Carolina some time in the Winter of 1782 After haveing served the term for which they had enlisted, which was for Eighteen months. Given under my hand this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord 1827—

Nicholas Lafon

[Thomas Lester (pension application S35518) also certified that he had been with Short at Chesterfield Courthouse and elsewhere during the war.]

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Gallatin County Towit. On this 29th day of August 1827 personally appeared in open court, a circuit Court for the County aforesaid, being a court of Record of unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and proceeding according to the Course of Common law, with power to fine and imprison

John Short a resident of said County aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration, as an amendment or addition to his declaration made in the said Court on the 12th day of April 1827 and which is a part of the record of said Court in order to obtain the provissions made by the acts of Congress of 18th March 1818 and on the 1st day of May 1820. That he the said John Short did not possess or own any land or slaves on the 18th day of March 1818 nor at any time subsequent thereto nor any personal property assets or effects much varient from the Schedule of his effects given in, and by him subscribed on the 12th day of April 1827 – he further states that on the said 18th day of March 1818 he owned a small stock of horses, cattle, & hogs with a fiew articles of furniture and farming utensils that some changes have taken place by a few sales of, and the death of part of his stock, that after paying his rents and personal support, his property in point of value is about the same as it was in March 1818.

John + Short

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On this 21st day of November 1827 personally appeared in open court a circuit court for the County afs'd. being a court of record of unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and proceeding according to the course of Common law with power to fine & imprison John Short a resident of said County aged sixty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition and in support of his declaration made on the 12th day of April 1827 & in amendment thereto made on the 29th day of August 1827 in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and on the first day of May 1820. that he the said Short did give a true and faithful statement of his whole property and estate in his said amended declaration made in open court on the said 29th day of August 1827 but for further elucidation thereof makes the following statement explanatory statement. that on the 18th day of March 1818 he owned the following described property To wit and no other

One sorrell mare aged about twelve years.

One bay mare aged about eight years.

Four or five head of Cattle worth about \$18

From twenty five to thirty head of hogs of all ages worth \$20. a few farming utensils & some household

furniture together worth about \$16.50. that he had no debts due or coming to him. he recapitulates that he is a farmer was then living on rented land and has so continued ever since that he has no family neither wife nor child, that he is a poor old and infirm man, but heretofore he has by his own labour and by raising of stock made out to support himself, but his increased aged and bodily infirmities induced him now to ask for and receive the aid provided for him by the bounty of his Country.

He further states that he the said Short turned out as a volunteer in the late war [or 1812], in Col R M Johnsons Regiment of mounted volunteers, he further states that ever since the year 1818 he has continued in his occupation as farmer. that as is usual and customary for persons in his situation he has annually sold a few hogs as pork and in the year 1820 he sold a horse Colt for \$18 to Catharine McGuire and received payment in bed clothing and clothing for himself: that in the course of the same year he sold a mare colt for \$15 to Nancy McGuire for tailoring and work done to assist him the said Short on his farm. He sold a Colt to Green Stafford for ten barrells of corn, to pay his rent and a bay mare Colt he sold to Nathaniel McGuire for thirteen barrels of Corn which also went to pay his rent it being a bad season for raising corn. That he sold a mule Colt the present year for \$20 which was paid to nurses during a spell of sickness and for clothes that about the year 1820 one of his mares died. The year after one of his Cows died with the murrain, and another was killed with the falling of a tree. and the foregoing is a true and faithful account of his property and effects, and how it was disposed of, and in connection with his former declarations states fully and fairly his Condition in life and the situation of his property signed Jno Short

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Jn'o. Shorte/ age 22/ height 5 6½/ planter/ born in Essex County VA/ residing in Caroline County/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.