

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Goolsberry (Goldsby) Childers S30924  
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State of Kentucky Lincoln County & Circuit Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818 and on the second day of the August Term of the Lincoln Circuit Court Goldsby Childers came personally into Court & before Thos Montgomery Circuit Judge presiding in the said Court stated the following facts on oath, Vizt. That he the said Goldsby Childers did enlist for the term of two years in October or November 1776 in the Company commanded by Capt Wm McKee [William McKee, company raised in Rockbridge County] now dec'd & attachd to the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. on Continental establishment, that he marched under his said Capt in march 1777 to Point Pleasant where he remained in the service untill the fall of the year 1778 he then returned to the interior of the country & was duly & regularly discharged after the expiration of his two years service he further says that after the conclusion of the War he did not regard his discharge as a paper of any consequence to him & he cannot now account for it otherwise than by saying first he was discharged, & that he cannot now find his discharge among his papers he further states that he has been an industrious man & a temperate man all his life he has had by his wife thirteen children ten of whom were raised to be men & women, they have now all left him but one son who is eleven years old last April

This deponent has no other person to help him to make a living but his son, he is himself sixty one years old the first day of last January & is now unable to do much work, this deponent has a small farm of about ninety six acres of land, considerably out of repair & would not in his opinion rent for enough to support his old Woman in the manner she has been accustomed to live, he therefore says that he stands in need of assistance from his country.

Goldsby hisXmark Childers

At the same time & place & before the same person Samuel McKee [pension application S30574] a creditable witness personally appeared & made oath to the following facts, First, that it appears by a book kept by William McKee dec'd late a Capt in the Virginia Regt on Continental establishment, & the father of this deponent that Goldsby Childers was enlisted in his company in November 1777 & did receive pay for two years, all the entries in the said book are in my deceased fathers hand writing & the receipts for pay bounty & clothing &c. signed by the said Goldsby Childers & attested by James Gilmore Lieut in the said Company, who is now wholly deranged, & this deponent further says that he has a perfect knowledge of the hand writing both of the said James Gilmore & his Father & the entries on the said book one in his Fathers hand writing and the attestation aforesaid in the hand writing of the said James Gilmore, he further states that he has heard his Father in his lifetime as well in the presence as in the absence of the said Goldsby Childers recapitulate the incidents of the Campaign, & the anecdotes that related to them individually, & therefore he has no manner of doubt but that the said Goldsby Childers did serve as afs'd he further declares that the statement of the said Childers in relation to his circumstances is substantially correct, he cannot enter into particulars, but he does know that he is unable to live as decently as he is accustomed to live without labouring hard & constantly himself.

Saml McKee

District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug't. 1820 personally appeared in open court, (a) being a court of Record (b) for the said district. being the county court of Garrard Cty. Goolsberry Childers aged 64 years, resident in Garrard in s'd district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: (c) He enlisted in the revolutionary war in the fall 1775 under Capt. Wm. McKee in the 12<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg't. on continental establishment under the command of Col. Jas. Wood [James Wood] – for two years – and served out his time and got a discharge. He is placed on the

pension list under act of Congress of 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 (viz)

96 acres of Land of the value of	\$800
one negroe girl 15 years old worth	300
3 head of Horses of the value of	100
20 Head of H[rest of line at end of page illegible]	
Schedule continued	\$1220
10 Head of Cattle of the value of	50
13 head of sheep	13
Household Furniture of the value of	<u>30</u>
	\$1313

He owes \$150—

He has a wife aged 56 years old and two children living with him – a Daughter 19 years old and a son aged 14 years – No occupation, not able to work.                      Goolsberry Childers

State of Kentucky    } April County court 1829  
Garrard County Sct }

Goolsberry Childers this day produced into Court the following declaration &c which was sworn to by said Childers and ordered to be entered of record and is in these words (viz)

State of Kentucky County of Garrard Sct

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County afs'd Goolsberry Childers resident in said County aged 73 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said Goolsberry Childers enlisted for the term of two years on the \_\_ day of October in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company command by Captian William McKee in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Col. \_\_\_\_ in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corpe until the fall of the year 1778 when he was discharged from the service in the state of Virginia. That his name has been placed on the pension List and dropped therefrom on account of his property and in pursuance of the act of May 1820 [oath similar to that in the 1820 application] Since the Exhibition of the first schedule of my property the following changes have taken place (towit) my land then 96 acres now 32 has been reduced by sale of part by necessity to obtain and assist my wife and myself by the purchase of a negro woman named in the schedule annexed                      Schedule

32 Acres of land 4 dollars pr acre	\$128—
3 Horses	120—
7 Head of Cattle	35—
13 head of Hogs	6.50
9 Head of Sheep	4.50
One Negro woman & two children	<u>500—</u>
Total	\$794—

NOTE: On 24 Nov 1837 Childers was still living in Garrard County.