

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Combs S35851

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State of Kentucky

Perry County and Circuit Sct

On this thirtieth day of May 1825 Personally appeared in Open Court (before the Hon'1. Joseph Eve Circuit Judge) being a court of Record for the 15 Judicial District in the County of Perry John Combs aged sixty four years the 7th of February last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provissions made by the acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said John Combs enlisted for the term of three years on the first day of January AD 1777 (as he verily believes) after the Battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] in the state of New Jersey fought between the the forces commanded by Gen'l. George Washington & the Hessians that he inlisted as afs'd. in Fredrick [sic: Frederick] County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Johnathan Langdon in the 12th Redgement Commanded by Colo. James Wood in the line of the state of Virginia on on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill two years and four months months at the end of which time in consequence of sickness he was discharged by Gen'l. Charles Scott (former Gov. of Kentucky, who then commanded the Corps to which he belonged) in the state of New Jersey near Brunswick, the name of the County is forgotten, which discharge he has long since lost or mislaid so that he can not find it; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except the Virginia Roll – And that the following reasons are assigned for not making earlier ap[plication] for a pension (viz) that untill lately he had been informed and believed that it was necessary for him to prove by some person whom he had served with the services he had performed in consequence of his discharge being lost and that a several years past he had depended on a brother William Combs [pension application S35859] who has for many years resided[?] from him about 70 miles to attend the court afs'd. whare he (John Combs) has resided (20 miles from the Courthouse and make Oath to the facts he has here disclosed as his brother knew of his inlistment and time of actual service, himself being an Ensign in the 8th Va. Reg't. on continental establishment but he has always been unable to procure his attendance at the court afs'd and at the present time being informed that his own Oath was all that the law requites if his name can be found he has concluded to offer this petition & schedule And further he was not apprised of the acts of Congress untill about the passage of the act of the 1st May 1820 or some short time after.

And in pursuance of the act of Congress 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. towit,

one horse beast of the value of \$35 in silver & no more	\$35.00
four Cows \$10 each & no more	<u>40.00</u>
the whole of the value of	\$75.00

and no more – That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, to wit, I have sold two of the afs'd. Cows to my son John Combs about one year since for the payment of a debt by him I owed to Sam'l. Given – at present he owns two head of Cattle and two yearlings of the value of \$22 & no more and ten head of sheep of the value of \$8.00 & no more. He further declares his

occupation is that of a farmer, that in consequence of wounds he rec'd in the Revolutionary War when in service afs'd. in his neck besides one in his legg he believes is the cause of a Woun on the back of his neck and from old age he is very illy able to support himself by labour His wife Margret aged about fifty five is not able to maintain herself from old age and a little woun in one of her hands His daughter Margret aged about 18 years of age living with him, possessing no property, able to mintain herself by labour, and her infant child Hezekiah about one year year old lives with him likewise his daughter Sally a widow having no property or estate whatever except beding about 27 years of age lives with him & able to mintain herself by labour; likewise her children (towit), Sam'l. about nine or ten years of age not able to mintain himself by labour, Harvey about seven years of age not abel to mintain himself by labour Thomas about one year of age He states he has no debts owing to him & he himself owes nothing to the best of his knowledge.

John Combs

[Certified by Jesse Combs, Clerk of the Perry Circuit Court.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Perry County Sct.

On this 15th day of March 1837 before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Perry personally appeared John Combs who on his Oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. Jonathan Langlin & he thinks ensign [John] Slaughter & afterwards in the Company of Capt. Benj. Casey [Benjamin Casey] – Field Officers Col. James Wood Lieut Col. [James] Neville Gen'l. Scott & Maj'r. Jonathan Clark – that there was some other major before Maj'r. Clark but does not recollect his name all of the Service of the Untied States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of kentucky, that he received a Certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which Certificate on or about the the month of August 1834 was as he believes taken out of his house in the said County of Perry by some mischievous hand to prevent him from drawing his money as he has not been able to find it since; and as further evidence that it was taken as above there was taken from his house at the same time Thirty Six Dollars in Round Silver a part of his former draw

John hisXmark Combs

NOTE: On 17 May 1825 Henry Combs and Nicholas Combs [R2186] certified the service of their brother, John Combs, adding that "when he ret'd. home he was in very bad health and remained so for some months after he got home."