

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Combs S35859

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[17 June 1818] William Combes States he was a Continental Soldier. Or a soldier in the Continental Army in the service of the United Colonies in the time of the revolutionary war. he states he was enlisted in Stevens town in virginia in the beginning of the year seventy six for Two years and served as Orderly Sergeant under Capt. Richard Campbell [company raised in the counties of Fincastle and Dunmore, the latter renamed Shenandoah] who belonged to the eighth Virginia Regiment under the command of Colo Mulinberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and Colo Abram Bowman [Abraham Bowman] we started from woodstock in Virginia and went down by Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and from thence to Suffolk and Norfolk and all through that Country and thence to Charlestown [Charleston SC] and was there when the first attack was Commenced on Sullivans Island [28 Jun 1776] and thence to Sunbury [GA] and in the winter of the same year we returned to virginia and from thence we marched to philadelphia he states that he is a Citizen of the United States and a resident of Bath County Kentucky he farther states that he has never received any Pension from the United States or any Individual State he states that he received his discharge from Gen'rl [Charles] Scott at Valley Forge and by accident has lost it he is aged sixty one and upwards he also states that his indigent circumstances makes it necessary for him to receive some aid from the Government for his support

Kentucky; Bath Circuit Court Septr Term 1820

William Combs a Revolutionary Pensioner produced in open Court a schedule of his Estate and made oath together with Lewis Moore and Henry Duncan to the same agreeably to Law in such case made and provided, whereupon the same was examined and the court being satisfied therewith ordered it to be recorded in the words and figures following to wit; "State of Kentucky Bath County Sct: On the 18th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court William Combs aged sixty three years resident in Bath County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Mulinburg and Lieut Colo. Abram Bowman and in Captain Richard Campbells Company, that his pension certificate is No. 12382 and that he was a Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has 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.

One Bay Mare Worth. . . . \$50.00

One Cow & Calf Worth. . . 12.00

62.00

And that he is by Occupation a School Master and is unable to procure a living in that way and that he has a wife aged about sixty one years, that he has no children with him Wm. Combs"

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of William Combs was issued the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 8 Mar 1840.