

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Biggs S37775

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State of Virginia, County of Giles

Virginia, To Wit:

On this 30th day of May, 1821 personally appeared in open court for the County of Giles being a Court of record for the said county because it has power to fine and imprison and proceeds according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and has been solemnly adjudged to be a court of record by the Superior tribunals of this State, John Biggs, aged Seventy years, resident in the said County of Giles and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted as a private soldier under Captain John Smith in the year of 1778 in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Campbell [Richard Campbell] in the Brigade commanded by Gen. Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] and that he served under Captain John Biggs and under Captain Harriss alternately and that he also served in the Light Horse under Col. Washington [William Washington] and that he served in the said revolutionary war from the time of his enlistment to the conclusion of the war under the several officers above named in the Virginia Line and that he was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and in several skirmishes and that he was discharged by Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Bacons Bridge which discharge he has lost and that he made a declaration of his services on the 9th day of December 1818 in the County Court of Botetourt in the State of Virginia and also he made a second declaration in the County Court of Giles on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820 to which declarations this is a supplement and he does solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby as to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not or nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him described to wit: three head of horse beasts, two old mares and one colt worth about \$30; four sheep, two cows and five pigs worth about \$6. My occupation, a farmer, while I had health and ability to pursue it but I am old and infirm and am not able to support myself by

labor. I have a wife about Sixty years of age and no children living with me. Sworn to and declared on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1821 in open court

and the Court do further certify that it is this Opinion that the total amount in value of the property established in said schedule is thirty six dollars. Sworn to and declared on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821 before the County Court of Giles in open court.

I David French of Giles County do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the record of the said court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property established in the aforesaid schedule is thirty six dollars. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821.

S/ David French, Clerk of the Court for the

County of Giles.

The Secretary is requested to make return directed to David French, Clerk of Giles County

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 30, 1821, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]