

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Groessel S37967

VA

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Virginia At a Superior Court of Chancery holden at Wythe Court House for the District of Wythe on Wednesday May 26th 1820- - - On this 24th day of May 1820. personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record (by the provisions of an act of Assembly ordering it to be such) John Gressle aged seventy years, who is a resident in the County of Wythe in said District, and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said John Gressle about the year 1780 enlisted as a Trumpeter for three years in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment under Capt. Reed who was then stationed at Browns Mills near Winchester in Virginia, and commanded a Troop of horse. that he continued there about one half of the winter following; was marched from there to New London [then in Bedford, now in Campbell County VA], remained there the remainder of the winter from thence to Petersburg at which last mentioned place Captain Allmong assumed the command of the Troop which was marched to Portsmouth, from thence to Northampton, where he continued with the said Troop during the next winter received Clothing, Boots, Spurs and Pistols, that Captain Allmong's Troop was there discharged, this was in the Spring of the year 1782 to the best of his recollection, that he the said John Gressle immediately enlisted under Captain Simpson who was sent as he understood on the recruiting service from Winchester in Virginia for the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] that he received the sum of forty Dollars as a bounty on his last enlistment which was for during the war. that he served in the company commanded by Captain Booker in the said Regiment, having been immediately after his enlistment at Northampton, marched to Winchester in Virginia where the said Regiment was then stationed. That he marched with the said Regiment from Winchester to Ponte fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of Fluvanna and James rivers], at which last mentioned place he remained until the close of the war, when he received his discharge which he has lost. That he was not in any battles during the periods of his said service, and that he has no evidence now in his power of said services.

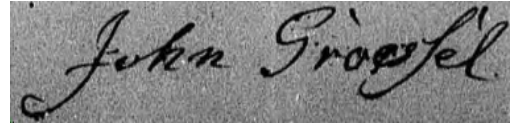
And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818. and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen; 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

no real Estate – no personal Estate except clothing and bedding. I am by Occupation a School Master, but on account of my age am unable to prosecute it to advantage or profit. I have a wife and two children living with me. One a girl aged 14 years the other a boy aged 11 years who are unable to contribute to my support.

John Groessel

I John Groessel aged Seventy years who on the 24th day of May 1820 made a declaration in the Superior Court of Chancery holden at Wythe Court House in Order to Obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March and the 1st of May 1820 do in pursuance of the last mentioned act solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States [repeats the oath above]... what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. No real Estate Six plates half a Dozen knives & forks, one dish, one old chest one old writing desk– I receive as Organist of the German Lutheran Church grain & articles of that kind, necessaries of life, to the amount of forty Dollars a year so long as they choose to employ me –

I am by Occupation a Schoolmaster but on account of my age my School has dwindled to five scholars. I have a wife and two Children living with me – one a girl aged 14 years and the other a boy aged eleven years who are unable to contribute to my support –
Sworn to in open Court.
Oct 21 1820

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John Groessel". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

NOTE: Among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is an application by John Groessel dated 22 Nov 1831 that repeats the declaration of his services made on 24 May 1820 and includes a copy of his application made on 21 Oct 1820.