

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hanes S37985

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Virginia Hanover County SS

On this 26 day of July 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Hanover, of unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount, John Hanes resident in said County, aged seventy-five years, who being first duly affirmed, according to law doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820; that he the said John Hanes enlisted for the term of two years on the __ day of __ in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain __ Brent, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the month of February 1778 when he was discharged from the Service at Valley Forge in the State of New Jersey. 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 Virginia; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. – That at the time of the passage of the act of Congress of 1818 plans in this County bore a fictitious price; that in consequence of his owning a small tract, what at that time would probably have been valued at three or four times as much as now, he was advised by some that he would not succeed in his application. That then he was much more able to labor than now – that then and until recently his sons Joel and William were single, the latter living with him, who contributed much to the support of his family – That both having married and left him, he is thus deprived of much of that labor what was his former support. – And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons 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 – viz.

82 ¼ acres of poor land lying in the [indecipherable word]¹ of Hanover, worth about \$2 per acre. The half of a horse worth about \$50 – 2 cows – 11 hogs, 4 pigs, 2 small pine tables, 6 common

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chairs, one loom, one iron pot, one iron oven – one small pine cupboard. His family consist of himself aged 75 years and very infirm, of no trade or profession – a single daughter aged 41 years – granddaughter aged 18 years – a colored boy bound to him – aged 12 years. He is justly in debt in the sum of \$160 arising from necessity of hiring some person to work for his family. That since the 18th of March 1818 no change has been made in his property.

S/John Hanes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hanes". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

[The court valued the property scheduled by the veteran at \$231]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 2, 1827, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]