Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cockran S39353 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

At a court of Hustings held for the corporation of Lynchburg at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 4th day of March 1828

Corporation of Lynchburg On this fourth day of March 1828 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the corporation of Lynchburg in the County of Campbell in the State of Virginia John Cockran resident in said Corporation aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of the 18th of march 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Cockran enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the [blank] day of March 1781 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Buckhannon (or Bohannon) in the regement commanded by Colonel Davis [sic: William Davies] in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until August 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Fluvanna County in the State of Virginia 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 are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that he has been labouring under a Rheumatic affliction not able to travel or employ any person to do the business nor did know that he could obtain any aid from the Government. And in pursuance of the act 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 that since the 18th day of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property

Schedule one iron pot about three gallons one dutch oven one and a half gallons broke an axe two chairs flat bottoms no other property the court values the said property at two dollars and fifty cents Swore to and declared on the 4^{th} day of march 1828 before the court of the Corporation of Lynchburg in the County of Campbell in session

John his Xmark Cockran

At a court of Hustings continued and held for the Corporation aforesaid at the Courthouse on Wednesday the 5th day of March 1828

Upon the further application of of John Cockran It is ordered that the following be added to his certificate made yesterday Viz That the declerant is by trade a sawyer but so warped drawn up decrepit and lamed by a Rheumatic affiction that he is scarcely able to do any thing at that business that he has no family nor any person to aid in his support

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate states that Cockran died on 13 Nov 1830.