Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Curtis S39393 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee }

Lincoln County } Sixth Judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared James Curtis before me Perry W. Humphrey one of the Circuit Judges of the state aforesaid now presiding in the Sixth Circuit, who being duly sworn saith, that some time in October in 1776 at King William Courthouse state of Virginia he enlisted, as a private soldier, in the regular service of the United States, in a company of Infantry commanded by Capt. James Gray & Lieut. Linn, which composed a part of the seventh Virginia regiment command by Colo. Heith [sic: William Heth], & lieut. Colo. Ennis [sic: James Innes], which belonged to the Virginia line of Continental troops commanded by Genl. [William] Woodford. This affiant further says that at the time of his enlistment, he enlisted during the war; and continued to serve out his term of service faithfully untill about the year 1782 or 1783 when he was regularly discharged at Charlstown [sic: Charleston] in South Carolina by Colo. Wade Hampton. During the term of his service he was engaged in several skirmishes in behalf of the United States against their common enemy, and also in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], in which he received two wounds in his legs, which render him a criple to this day. This affiant states that he has lost his discharge in the destruction of his house by accidental fire when it, together with other valuable testimonials, were destroyed.

This affiant knows of no person now living by whom he could prove these facts; and he has no testimony but his own solitary affidavit to offer his country for her bounty. His fellow soldiers in those days of severe trial, as far as he knows, have all passed away & he only survives as the miserable monument of decriptitude.

This affiant further states that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country. He is about seventy two years old, and cannot procure the means of comfortable support unless by the immediate assistance of his Country. He is a citizen of the United States & lives in the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee, & prays to be placed on the pension list & allowed a pension in pursuance of an Act of Congress made & provided for the benefit of poor & indigent revolutionary soldiers

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd March 1819 [signed] James Curtis

State of Tennessee

Lawrence County Court January Term 1822

On the 8th day of January 1822 personally appeard in open Court the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions holden for the County of Lawrence being a court of record James Curtis aged 74 on the 5th of next March who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of may 1820 that he said Curtis enlisted for during the war in the year 1775 having seved six years before the Expiration of the war at King William Courthouse in the state of Virginia under Captain James Gray and the company by him commanded in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath and Brigade Commanded by General Woodford in the line fo the state of Virginia and Continental establishment and that he continued to serve in the same Company untill the end of the war in 1781 [sic] when he was discharged at Charleston South Carolina but my discharge was burnt with my house and that he was in the battle of Brandywine and was shot through both his legs by a musket Ball which rent the mane leader of one of his legs which has rendered me a cripple ever since and unable to suport himself and that I made my original declaration under that law of the 18th of March 1818 and received a pention certificate

No. 11059 and I have no other evidence except my own Oath and what has already been furnished their war department my Family consistes of myself aged as aforesaid a shoomaker without having learned the trade my Daughter Mary in her 26th year afficted by a canser or some other disease of that kind so as to be a perfect charge L[?] in her 16th year healthy and able to support herself and in persuance of an act 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.

James Curtis Schedule

1 Bed – 1 Duch Oven ½ Dozen Kives and forks 4 plates[?] 1 pan[?] I have neithe land no stock of any kind

James Curtis