## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Entsminger S42708 f38VA

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Entsminger Jeremiah [sic, John Entsminger] VA S42708

[p2] Ohio Certificate 21.111 to John Entsminger at Gallia Co OH a private under Capt McKee in Col Gibson's Regt of Virginia for two years 1776 to 1778 issued 05Mar1830 at \$8/mo.

State of Ohio Court of Common Pleas June Term 1818 Gallia County

This day personally appeared before John Thompson President of the Court of Common Pleas second circuit – John Entsminger now residing within said County of Gallia ages sixty one years & some moths, and being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel service in the Revolutionary War.

That he the said John Entsminger entered the service as a volunteer for the term of three months on the head of James River in Botetourt County, Virginia in October 1776 under Captain William Givens & marched to Muddy Creek in Greenbriar County [Greenbrier County] to guard Keeney's Fort. That before this service expired (to wit) in the same month of October at the same Keeney's Fort, he inlisted under Lieut. James Gilmore & was enrolled in Capt. William McKee's company for the term of two years, attached to what was called the Western troops and was marched to Fort Randolph at the mouth of the Great Kanhawa River [Great Kanawha River] where Capt. Matthew Arbuckle commanded two companies, he being the senior captain, and continued at that station for two years, & was then honorably discharged in October he believes in 1778 having for this time furnished his own rifle & clothing for which he has never received any compensation during which time he was engaged in several sharp skirmishes in one of which his Lieutenant William Moor was killed at his side. After which he returned home. Again volunteered for three months about the time Col Daniel Morgan defeated the enemy at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in this service was engaged in a sharp skirmish on Atkin [sic Yadkin] River near Salisbury in N. Carolina with Tarleton's Corps in which Captain Alexander Hanley was taken prisoner & died with the enemy

[p5] and that he is now in reduced circumstances & absolutely stands in need of assistance from his company for his support and that he has no other evidence now within his control to prove his services.

John Entsminger x his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me John Thompson June 25<sup>th</sup> 1818

Routine county supporting statements and certification by Judge John Thompson and Francis Leclerq, court clerk.

A note is written in the margin that Entsminger is occasionally written Eintsminger.

[p7] State of Ohio GalliaCounty

## Court of Common Pleas Oct 13th 1826

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1826 personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in open court, the same being a Court of Record for the County of Gallia in the State aforesaid John Entsminger resident in the County of Meigs in said state aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration (supplementary to his declarations made in this court on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1818) in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820.

That he the said John Entsminger in the month of October 1776 enlisted at Kenney's Fort in the County of Greenbriar now County of Monroe in the Commonwealth of Virginia under Lieut James Gilmore for the term of two years and was enrolled in Capt William McKee's company, which company was attached to the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment as this declarant believes and which he thinks was commanded by Col Gibson but the said John Enstminger saith that he cannot speak with certainty concerning the Regiment and its commander for the following – that at the time of his enlistment he was serving as a volunteer in a small garrison at said Fort Kenney and was there enlisted and marched directly to the mouth of the Great Kenawha [sic] where two companys [sic] were stationed one commanded by Capt. Arbuckle the senior officer and the other by Capt McKee where he served for two years when he was discharged by Capt Arbuckle at the expiration of his term of service. That he never

[p8] joined his regiment and that the colonel never visited the garrison where he was stationed to his knowledge. And the said John Entsminger hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present- that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. That he made application for a pension immediately after making his declaration above mentioned and that he has with difficulty supported himself since and that he is mow so reduced by poverty and disease as to be wholly unable to provide a comfortable support for himself and wife. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. My occupation is that of farming and my family consists of myself and wife, aged sixty eight years and in very infirmed health they having been both of greatly debilitated by sickness for the last four years.

The property of which I am now possessed is as follows to wit: Besides the necessary beds and bedding-

1 Bureau value ten dollars, 12 old pewter plated worth \$2.50, 1 cupboard value \$15, 6 cups value 37 ½ cents, six old knives and forks value 37 ½ cents, 1 pair of Andirons value one dollar, two chests worth 3 dollars, 1 set of old chairs worth two dollars, 2 pots and one kettle worth five dollars, 1 shovel plough \$1.50, two pair chains \$1.25, 1 collar worth 50 cents, two clevis and double haim \$1.50, 3 old hoes \$1.50, 1 ax \$1.50, 1 grubbing hoe \$1, and that I have no other property

The said John Entsminger further saith that it is not in his power from want of recollection to enumerate the various articles of property signed [?] by him in the year 1818 or the changes that have since been made- that he was then in indigent circumstances and that his little property has been appropriated as well as his earnings used to the support of himself and wife, paying his debts incurred by sickness and other necessary expenses. John Entsminger x his mark

[Routine Gallia County certification and supporting statements:

Appraisal of property set value at \$48.

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Francis Leclerq, clk cc f G.C.

[p29-30 A deposition by David Rees 17Dec1819 in Gallia Co OH before William Preston J.P. that he was a neighbor in Greenbriar Co VA to John Entsminger and witnessed his service as a soldier consistent with Entsminger's declaration.]

[p34 A deposition by Elijah Russel [sic] 24Jul1818 in Gallia Co OH before Anth<sup>y</sup> Maguet J.P. that he served with John Entsminger for two years at Fort McIntosh under Capt. Arbuckle.] [p36 a damaged page, obviously prior page or pages not in the file]

This deponent further states, that, \_\_\_\_\_ [missing upper margin]

At said fort, in October 1778 to the best of this deponent's recollection, and were paid their wages in money species by congress called continental money. s/ William Arbuckle [Routine Gallia County OH certifications December 25<sup>th</sup> 1819

William Preston J.P.

Francis Leclerq, clerk of circuit court for Gallia County