

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fields Simon

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[p2] Ohio certificate 20.318

Simon Fields died 09Nov1832

Of Adams County Ohio

Private under Captain Ashby, Colonel Wood of Virginia

two years from August 1776 to October 10 1778

issued 29Mar1830 @ \$8.00/mo

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The State of Ohio, Adams County Court of Common Pleas

On this 18th day of March AD 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record having been made so by the laws of this state. By proceeding according to the cause of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount. By keeping a record of its proceedings and by having the power of fine or imprisonment for the county aforesaid, Simon Fields aged seventy two years next July, a resident of the county aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the 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 the act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820. That the said Simon Fields enlisted for the term of two years in the month of August 1776 in Hampshire County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Stephen Ashby in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wool [*James Wood*] (Col^o John Nevill [*John Neville*] being Lieut Colonel) in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment of the United States until the 10th day of October 1778 when he was discharged from the service at a place called Robinson's Farm in the State of New York after having been in the service of the United States about two years & two months at that time; that he kept and preserved his discharge safe from the time he received it until the last war with

[p4] England when some militia from this county were going into the service of the United States he lent it to Simon Wood for a form to draw other discharges by & the said Wood lost his pocket book & the discharge with it as will appear by the deposition of the said Simon Wood herewith forwarded; That he was in the battle at the head of Elk where he was wounded in the battle of Monmouth and several other skirmishes; that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his county for support; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state as he verily believes; that the following are his reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension. That he intended to support himself as long as he could without applying to his country but now finds by painful experience that he is no longer able to do it. He made an application last year which was not considered legal, regular or satisfactory & of course failed; that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the depositions herewith enclosed and those enclosed to the Hon. William Russell, member of congress, who informed him that his name is found in the rank roll in the proper office; that he is by occupation a farmer, but he is so old and infirm that he

is not able to labor; that his family consists of himself and his wife, she being 67 years of age is very infirm & sickly and has been so for about thirty years; his children are all of age and from under his control. That as he did not make an early application for a pension he did not make a schedule of his property on 18th day of March 1818 or at any time since or before till the present [p5]

Therefore it is not in his power to show the difference between the amount & value of his property now and at that time, but has disposed of none since except for the support of himself and family. "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 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 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, contacts, 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 on the 18th day of March 1818 I had no schedule of my property & therefore cannot state the difference between it now and at that time.

Simon Fields

Schedule of Simon Field & property to wit:

One plantation containing 148 acres of land appraised at three dollars per acre	\$444.00
One horse \$40. One waggon \$30	70
One yoke of oxen	25
One cow, one steer & heifer & calves	34.50
One bull 5.00 21 head of sheep 15.75	20.75
One sow & piggs & 7 shotes	5.50
Farming utensils	<u>11.37 1/2</u>
	\$611.12 1/2

List of debts due from & owing by the said Simon Fields to wit:

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Amount of property bro ^t forward		611.12 1/2
To John Fields on a note due	\$200.00	
William Russell do do	57	
Doct ^r Wilson on Doctor's bill	5	
W ^m Armstrong's Adm. On note due	27	
John Wood do do	11	<u>300</u>
Amt. Simon Fields is worth after deducting his debts		\$311.12 1/2

s/ Simon Fields

Sworn to and declared in open court on this 18th day of March 1829.

[certification

Joseph Darlinton, clerk

[p10] 27Mar1831 another note of debt by Simon Fields for \$13.67 due to John Wood

[p12-p14] A letter from Congressman William Russell to the pension office 22Feb1831 recalculating the estate of Simon Fields due to partially paid debts and the omission of interest due on the notes in his schedule declaration.

[p15-16] Statement by Simon Wood that he borrowed the discharge of Simon Fields signed by Captain Stephen Ashby and lost it. Certification by Samuel R Wood JP and Joseph Darlinton, clerk.

[p17-19] The Mason County Kentucky application for pension by Simon Fields as referenced above. No explanation for its rejection, but obviously missing is the estate valuation.

[p21-24] 17Mar1831 a letter from West Union by Congressman William Russell to the pension office again providing evidence of the estate of Simon Fields and declaring that with the passage of time some of the parties in the debts had died.