

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Biggs W8364

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[5 Jan 1829] I John Biggs of the county of Adair and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental of the Army of the Revolution for and durement the war and continued in its Service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain William Merayday's [sic: William Meredith's] Company in Col Charles Harrison's Regiment of the Virginia Artillery.

If I was entitled to the Certificate of 80\$ I am ignorant of it. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States. John hisXmark Biggs

[21 June 1830] I John Biggs aged seventy nine do upon oath Testify and Declare that I enlisted in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Virginia for the period of during the war in the year 1779 or 80 under Capt Wm Meredith of of Harrison's Regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line and faithfully served to the end of the war when I was honorably discharged at Richmond Virginia. I also do further testify and declare that I have never received a land warrant from the United States for the Bounty land due me nor have I ever assigned or transferred my right to the same – [Power of attorney follows.] John hisXmark Biggs

County of White SS

on this 27th day of November 1837 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of White personally appeared John Biggs who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain [Thomas] Finn in the Regiment Commanded by Col Charles Harrison in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the Pension roll of the State of Kentucky – from whence he has lately removed – that he now resides in the State of Illinois (Hamilton County) where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future – the following are his reasons for removing from Kentucky to Illinois – that one of his children moved to Illinois, and he came to live with that one John hisXmark Biggs

NOTES: On 13 Sep 1843 Sarah Biggs, 85, of Adair County, applied for a pension stating that she married John Biggs on 25 Jan 1784, and he died 7 Apr 1840. Her brother, Anthony Roe, 80, also of Adair County, stated that "he lived some 400 miles from his said Sister when she married but he went to see her in Caswell County North Carolina in the year of seventeen hundred and Ninety and they then had 3 Children."