

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Michael Curtis: S39398

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DISTRICT OF Virginia, SS.

On this 18th day of May 1818, before me the Court held for the Count of Fairfax & state of aforsaid, personally appears Michael Curtis aged fifty six years, resident in said County in the said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;" That he the said Michael Curtis enlisted in the service in the state of Maryland & in the Maryland Line in the company commanded by Captain William Beaty in Frederick Town & of the old Seventh Regt.; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until he was turned over to Capt Loyd Beall, when he was discharged from service in Annapolis in the state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & the Uettaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], & that he was under the Command of Capt. Beaty in the Battle of Guilford Court House. That the Certificate of Col L. Beall hereto annexed contains the truth, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services.

Harpers Ferry Nov'r 7th 1816

I Certify that Michael Curtis late a Soldier in the service of the United States inlisted into said service under Colo. Forrest of the Maryland line on the 5th day of Aug't in the year 1780 to serve during the Revolutionary War as appears from my Company Book now in my possession, and that he did so serve during the War in a company of Infantry under my command attached to the first Regiment, Maryland line commanded by Colo John Stewart and that he was disbanded after the close of said War, but whether under discharge or furlough of indefinite time I am not certain or that he received either I am not certain. I further certify that the claimant of the certificate and the person for whom it is made out is the same who served as above stated under my command to the end of said revolutionary War.

Lloyd Beall
late a Capt'n Mary'd line

The Commonwealth of Virginia}
Fairfax County to wit}

On this 19th day of Feb'y 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax Michael Curtis aged fifty six years resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: vizt: that he enlisted under Capt Barnes in the year eighteen [sic] hundred and eighty was turned over to Capt. Beales Company late Colo Beale dec'd and was attached to the 7th regiment of Infantry - where he marched to the south and there served untill the year 1783 all of which will more fully appear in the Certificate by him made out and also by said Col. Beale and recorded in the Department of war whereupon he rec'd a certificate of pension bearing date on the 17th day of October 1818 and numbered 3708 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 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 18 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 that what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, I also declare that I was not bred to any trade but my general

occupation since the close of said war has been that of a common rough bearer and Carpenter
which from my advanced age and dimness of sight I am now by reason of having the small pox
at an advanced period of life little calculated to follow to any advantage that I have no wife and
the children born by my wife dec'd. are slaves

Michael hisXmark Curtis

A schedule of the property goods and effects of the above named Michael Curtis by him
subscribed and delivered in open Court on Making the above Declaration Vizt

one hand saw at	\$2 —
Coopers adze	— 50
pair of Compasses	— 25
1 Jack plane	— 30
Jointer	— 30
1 debt on a/c due from N Breadwater[?] disputed	<u>40 —</u> 43.35

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