

Pension Application for Solomon Jennings

W.10147 (Widow: Polly) On December 25, 1792 Solomon Jennings married Polly Reading. Solomon died November 20, 1820.

State of Kentucky

Owen County Sct

On this 9th day of October personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record for the said Circuit and held in the County of Owen within the said Circuit Solomon Jennings aged sixty nine years and upwards resident in the said County of Owen who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, that he sometime in the year 1777 at Peeksville in the State of New York enlisted to serve during the war into Captain Mercers Company belonging to Col. VanSchaick's Regiment in the New York line and signed in the said Regiment to the close of the war in 1783 and was discharged at New Windsor in the State of New York that he was in the following battles to wit, at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga, Stony Point and Little York—That he in January 1820 made application to the United States for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and received a pension certificate No 16,826.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; 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, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

That his occupation is a farmer that he is unable to work much on account of being troubled with Rumatick pains, that he has a wife and nine children in his family to wit, William aged twenty two years, Mathias twenty one past, Solomon aged eighteen, Winny aged sixteen, Polly aged fourteen, Sally twelve, David aged ten years, Lucy aged eight years, Nancy six years, John aged four years a cripple, Madison aged two years and two sons married who have left him.

A Schedule of the property of Solomon Jennings taken September 30th 1820.

2 hogs, value of \$2 each \$4.00

3 chairs ditto 1.50

1 spinning wheel ditto 1.50

1 ditto ditto ditto 1.50

1 axe Do Do 1.00

2 hoes Do Do 2.00

1 pot do do 1.00

1 Dutch oven do do 1.25

1 shovel plow do 1.00

1 tin dish Ditto \$37 ½

3 puter [pewter] plates Do \$1.50

2 Tin Cups Do 0.25

Total \$16.37 ½

Sworn to and declares on this 9th day of October 1820. John Scrimsher
Presiding Justice for Owen County.

Letter in folder dated September 17, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.10147, it appears that Solomon Jennings enlisted at Fishkill, New York, in 1776 or 1777, and served until the close of the Revolution in 1783 as a private in Captain Mercer's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment; he was at the capture of Burgoyne and the battles of Stony Point and Yorktown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 26, 1820, while residing in Owen County, Kentucky, aged 68 years. He died November 30, 1820.

He married December 25, 1792, in Woodford County, Kentucky, Polly Reading. She was allowed pension on her application executed April 12, 1841, while residing in Vevay, Switzerland County, Indiana, aged 65 years.

In 1820 the soldier stated that he had the following children: William aged 22, Mathias aged 21, Solomon aged 18, Winny aged 16, Polly aged 14, Sally aged 12, Daniel aged 10, Lucy aged 8, Nancy aged 6, John aged 4, Madison aged 2 years, and two sons who were married, names not stated. In 1841, a son, Minor was referred to.