

Pension Application for James Perkins

S.35558

State of Kentucky

Campbell County SS

On the 25th day of April 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record expressly created by an act of the Legislature of Kentucky for the County of Campbell, James Perkins resident in said county aged sixty seven years past 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 act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and 1st May 1820, that he the said James Perkins enlisted for the term of during the war on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1776 in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Vaness in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hosea [Goose] VanSchaick in the line of the State of New York on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the close of the war in 1783 when he was discharged in Albany in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & that his name is not on the roll of any state except New York and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for pension to wit: that he has heretofore considered himself able to maintain himself by labour being by trade a shoemaker—and having no one to support but himself—he enables at all times command by industry enough money to support him—but at his present advanced age he is not in a great degree deprived of that was of his physical power and sight and feels himself unable to maintain himself without the assistance of his country.

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 an part thereof with interest thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions to 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 the 18th 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.

160 acres of land being the North Creek quarter of Section 14, Township 14 [? In ? in the ?] State of Illinois—being the land patented to Henry Young a soldier during the late war on the 10th day of August 1811[?] which has been sold as he is informed for the [?????] thereon and which he has offered to sell for fifty dollars and cannot dispose of it. (Signed) James Perkins.

That since the 18th March 1818, no change[s] have been made in my property except the tools with which I labour at my trade such as were necessary from time to time to be purchased of inconsiderable value. That he has no family residing with him, his wife having been long since dead—and his children married and left him. Sworn to & declares, on the 25th day of April 1826 before. H.O. Brown Judge 2nd Jud’t Dist Ky