

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Capes S42136 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Ohio } On this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight
Starke [sic: Stark] County Ss } hundred and Eighteen Came personally before me Samuel Caulter one of
the associate Judges in and for the County aforsaid William Capes Who
on his solemn oath deposeth and saith that sometime about the Latter end of the year 1778 as this
deponant believes he enlisted into the service of the US (during the war) under Captain David Steel [sic:
David Steele, company raised in Yohogania County] in the 13th Reigment of the Virginia Line which
Reigment was Commanded by Col. John Gibson this deponant saith that he never Obtained a discharge
in consequence of his being at whome on Furlow with his fammily and when he returned to his reigment
his officers was absent under whome he had served and that he did not obtain a discharge on that
account he further states that he served four years and six months against the Common enemy of the
united States and that he is Seventy two years of age and from his Reduced Circumstances and old age he
is in need of assistance from his Country and further this deponat Saith not sworn and subscribed before
me this day and year above stated William hisXmark Capis

In the court of Common pleas of Stark County Ohio

Tuesday August 8th 1820

present the Honorable Benjamin Lappan Esq president of the fifth circuit of the courts of Common pleas
in the state of Ohio in which circuit this county of Stark is included, and the Honorable John Hoover
Samuel Coulter & James Clark Esquires his associates and Judges of the same Court when holden in this
county of Stark –

Then William Capes comes into court and makes his affidavit under the act of Congress entitled “An act
In addition to an act 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 – which is in the
words and figures following to wit – State of Ohio Stark County Ss On this eighth day of August 1818
personally appeared in open court being of Common pleas for said county William Capes aged seventy
six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the
revolutionary war as follows in the company commanded by Captain David Steele and regiment
commanded by Col John Gibson of the Virginia Line that he continued to serve in the same corps for
four years and nearly six months and that I was out on furlough when the said company was discharged
and never received any discharge And 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 person 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 or property of any description that I am by occupation a Labourer but
through infirmity am unable to Labour I have no family but am maintained by the charity of my friends
Sworn and subscribed in Open court at Canton 8th Aug 1820 William hisXmark Capes

NOTE: On 26 Jan 1820 Capes certified that he had lived in Stark County for the past 13 years. Capes was
still living in Stark County on 21 July 1826.