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On May 8, 1819, John Sidebottom (alias) Sidebotham, approximately 69 years old, appeared before me, a Circuit Judge for the State of Kentucky.

He was sworn in accordance with the law, and made the following declaration to obtain the benefits provided by the Congress' law titled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Sidebottom states that he is a resident of Clarke County in Kentucky, enlisted for one year in Prince William County, Virginia, around September in 1775 (the same year the battle of Bunker Hill occurred on June 17, 1775).

He was enlisted by Cuthbert Harrison and served in a company under Captain Cuthbert Harrison, but does not remember the regiment or the type of service. On May 27, 1844, Sam Hanson testified that he heard John Sidebottom claim to be one of two men who carried the wounded James Monroe, the late President of the United States, from the battlefield during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Trenton, New Jersey, on December 26, 1776.