

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Skaggs (Skeggs) VAS1729

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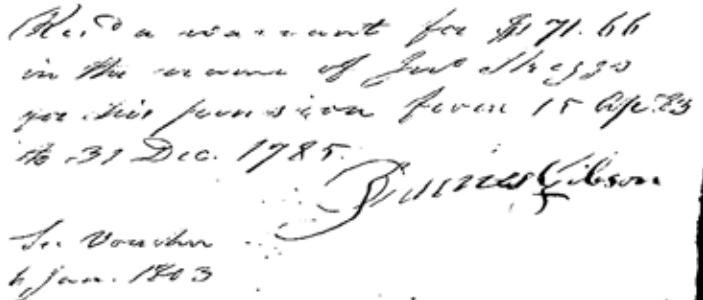
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Received a warrant for \$71.66 in the name of John Skeggs for his pension from 15 April 83 to 31 December 1785

S/ James Gibson

See voucher

6 Jan. 1803



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Sir

Pleas to deliver Simon Cockrell the pension the assemble of ninety one [indecipherable word] allow me and you will oblige your H.

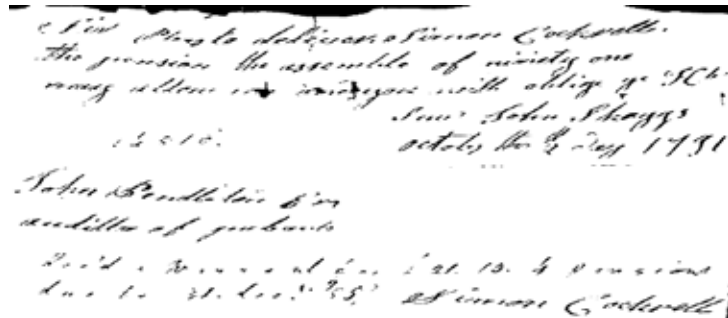
Serv. John Skaggs

October the 2nd day 1791

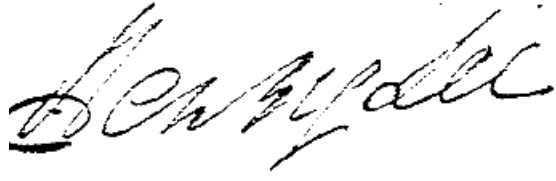
John Pendleton Esq. Auditor of [indecipherable word]

received a Warrant for £21.13.4 pension due to [illegibly faint words]

S/ Simon Cockrell

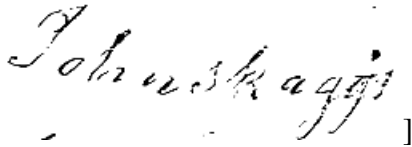


[p 6: Partial image of a certificate dated October 11, 1792 renewing the pension due the veteran and signed by Henry Lee as Governor of the State of Virginia



Henry Lee

[p 16: Partial and faint image of a document which appears to be a power of attorney dated Jun 21 1802 signed by John Skaggs



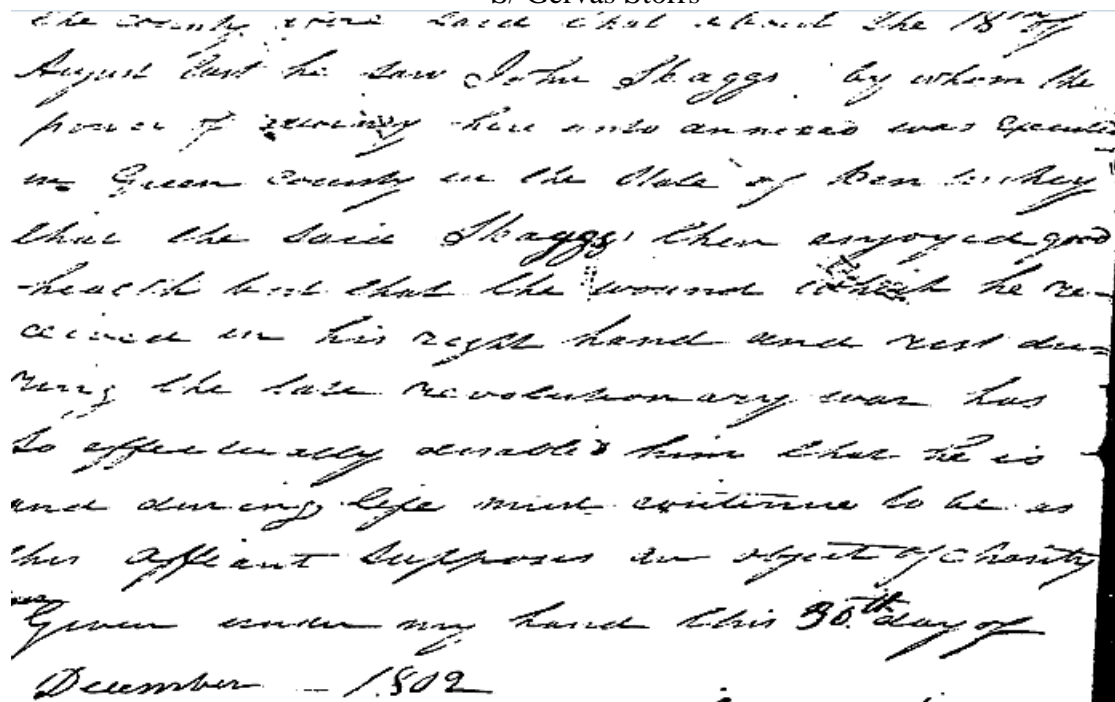
John Skaggs

[p 18: Partial image of an affidavit dated December 30, 1802 given by Gervas Storrs which reads in legible part as follows:

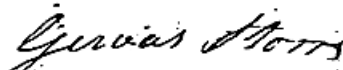
"that about 18th August last he saw John Skaggs by whom the power of attorney hereto annexed was executed in Green County in the State of Kentucky that the said Skaggs then enjoyed good health but that the wound which he received in his right hand and rist [sic] during the late revolutionary war has so effectually disabled him that he is and during life must continue to be as this affiant supposes an object of charity.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December 1802

S/ Gervas Storrs"



The county of Green said that about the 18th of August last he saw John Skaggs by whom the power of attorney hereto annexed was executed in Green County in the State of Kentucky that the said Skaggs then enjoyed good health but that the wound which he received in his right hand and wrist during the late revolutionary war has so effectually disabled him that he is and during life must continue to be as this affiant supposes an object of charity
Given under my hand this 30th day of December - 1802



Gervas Storrs

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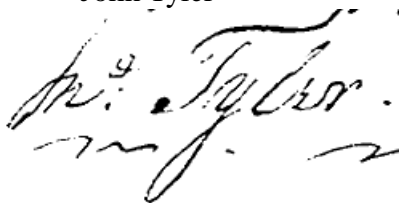
I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that John Skeggs is continued on the list of

Pensioners with his former allowance commencing the 1st day of January 1803.

Given under my hand as Gov. of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 17th day of June 1804

Samuel Coleman

John Tyler

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Tyler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "John Tyler".

Taken from Law Order Book 1, Page 168, Russell County VA court records

September 15, 1789

Ordered that John Skaggs be allowed a pension of eight pounds, he being wounded at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] so as to render him incapable of labouring for a sustenance and that the Clerk do certify the same to the Executive.

Law Order Book 2, Page 67

Pension - 1786 to 1792 of eight pounds per yr.

Bobby Gilmer Moss, in his *Patriots at Kings Mountain*, states that "John Skeggs, of what is now Tazewell County Virginia, was wounded while serving under Lieut. Reece Bowen, Capt. William Edmondson and Col. Campbell [William Campbell] at Kings Mountain."

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] from the Washington County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the speaker and Gentleman of the House of Delegates for the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition John Skegs humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner served as a soldier at the battle of Kings mountain in the year 1780 under the command of Col. William Campbell; that during the action, he received a wound in his right hand which has been so disabled thereby as to render him unable to support himself by labor.

That at a Court held for Washington County in the month of April 1783 your petitioner underwent an examination and obtained a certificate that he was a proper object of his Country's Bounty and ought to be placed on the pension list. – And that at a court held for Russell County in September 1789 he obtained another Certificate to the same effect: yet from a combination of circumstances he has never been placed on the pension list and consequently received no relief.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable body would take his distressed situation into consideration and place them on the pension list or do therein whatever in your wisdom may appear Just & right – & your petitioner as in duty bound shall Pray

S/ John Skegs

John Skeggs