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Virginia documents pertaining to Malcher Strupe VAS317

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[The following are from [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Cabell County]

To the honourable the Speaker and Members of The General Assembly of Virginia

Your petitioner begs leave to Represent to your honourable Body that in the fall of the year 1777 he with many others Volunteered their services in the defence of their Contry and attach'd themselves to a Company made up in the county of Berkeley & commanded by Capt. Edward Lucas and marched with several other volunteer, and draft'd Companies against the Indians that was at that time committing their savage depredations and cruel murder upon the defenceless inhabitants living on the frontier parts of Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the call'd Redstone [at present Brownsville PA] and Fort Pitt [at Pittsburgh] which companies marched to the place called fort pitt without any opposition from the savages at which place the commanding Officer sent out several detachment from the main army in search of the enemy. Your petitioner was one of that detachment He was destined for a place called Log Town about eighteen miles below Fort Pitt [on E side of Ohio River opposite present Aliquippa] where our detachment was attacked by a party of indians and the firing from both parties kept up for several minutes in which (your petitioner) while in the act of firing he was shot through the left arm by a ball from the enemy and about the same time another ball passed through his body Clothes near his brest. Your petitioner was then draged off of the ground, and carried to the Fort, and placed in the hands of a Surgeon where he remained for nearly Two months, he then was carried from Fort to Fort and from place to place and put under the care & management of several surgeons & doctors, but all to no purpose as to a cure. Your petitioner was at length taken back to Berkeley County and placed in the hands of a widow woman where he suffered much under the several opporations performed by Doctors & Surgeons, and after extracting about Twenty pieces of broken bones from his arm, and no hopes of a cure he was Taken to a Doctor Fisher in Frederick Town in the state of Maryland where your petitioner was in a great measure Restored, but not withstanding the great affliction he suffered for more three years, and the great expences attending the object in effecting a cure he still labours under the loss and disability of one of his arms, and is now old and infirm not able to procure a support his few Remaining days, and being unwilling to become a pauper suported at the expence of his County, he therefore prays your honourable Body to Take his deplorable situation into consideration and grant him such Relief as the wisdom of your honourable Body may think proper and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c  
[Sworn 27 Nov 1826] Malcher Strupe

Cabell County towit

This day personally appeard Peter Hagety before me the under signed a Justice of the peace in & for said county and made oath in due form of law that about 50 years ago he Recollects well of Malcher Strupe going out to the backwoods in a Company of Vallenteer Commanded by Capt Edward Lucas of Berkeley County which company was made up for the purpose of going after the Indians, and when Strupe Returnd home he was badly wounded in one of his armes and was placed in the hands of a widow woman in the County of Berkeley which was about one mile & a half from where this affiant then lived, and further he state that the Doctor attended on Strupe at that place for a long time and afterwards Strupe was Taken down below somewhere over the mountain to another Doctor, but how long he lay under the several Doctors in effecting a cure or how long it was before he was able to do anything this affiant dos not know, but well knows that his arm is still much deformed, & further the said Strupe must be at this time upwards of seventy years old. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1826.

Solomon Thornburgh J.P

Cabell County to wit

This day personally appeared Margaret Merrett[?] before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County and made oath in due form of Law that about 50 years ago her Brother Henry Cooper and Malcher Strupe Volenteered their services in the defence of their Country, that was then invaded by the hostile savages, and attached themselves to a company Commanded by Capt. Edward Lucass of Berkeley County Virginia, and when they Returned home which was towards the Spring of the year Malcher Strupe was badly wounded in one of his arms, the bone of that part of his arm between the elbow & wrist was shattered in pieces so much so that a great number of the pieces was Taken out by the Doctor & some of them came out of themselves but how many pieces of bones that was Taken out of his arm at different times by the doctors this affiant dos not Recollect, but well Rembers of seeing a number of the bones, as he was left with this affiants Grandmother who lived in the County of Berkeley and was attended on by the Doctor at that place for a long time, and afterwards was Taken to a Doctor somewhere in the state of maryland. This affiant further states that she has often heard her Brother Henry, and other of Capt. Lucass' Company say that Strupe was wounded by the indians, below Fort Pitt in a battle with them. She also states that the said Strupe at this time must be between seventy & eighty years old Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1826                      Solomon Thornburgh

ref'd to Claims/ 1826 Dec'r 19 Rejected/ 21 Reported

Dec'r 22<sup>d</sup> recommitted/ 1827 Jany 11 Reasonable/ Bill drawn

[The following is from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are undecipherable.]

[top missing from online image]garoner of Cabell County & State of Virg. my true & lawfull attorney for me and in my name to receive from the treasury of Virginia my pension Due the twenty first of February 1827 for my present relief Witness my hand & seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1827

Malcher Strupe

[Powers of attorney similar to the above were also signed by Strupe each year through 24 Dec 1832.]

NOTES:

Malcher Strupe was apparently the soldier referred to as "Malgus Stropes" or "Troop" in the following two pension applications:

Isaac Clinkenbeard S15380: "under Capt Edward Lucas, from Pittsburgh he decended the river Ohio to logstown 18 miles below fort Pitt, where he and his Captains Company landed to get Breakfast, when the Indians crept up and fired on the Company and killed Joseph Champ and broke the arm of Malgus Stropes."

Thomas Williams S3584: "our Company was engaged in some Indian skirmishes, and had one man named Joseph Champion killed and one man named Troop wounded at Log Town 18 miles below Pittsburg, in December [1777]"

The Virginia pension file includes a certificate that Strupe died on 11 June 1833.