

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Yoakum (Yoakhum, Yoahum, Yocum, Yokum) R11939 Magdalen

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Virginia, Hardy County Sct.

On this 21st day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Jacob Yoakum, a resident of the County of Hardy & State of Virginia, aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was born in Hardy County Virginia in December 1755.

That he has a statement of the time of his birth given him by his father which is now at his house.

That he lived in the said County of Hardy when called into service & has ever since & still resides there.

That he volunteered in the Company commanded by Lieutenant Michael Homback¹ & Samuel Homback² & Captain Michael Strump [Michael Stump?] & in the company under the command of Captain John Harness – for a tour of six months – the field officers were Colonel Benjamin Harrison & Major Garrett Van Meter. That he was acquainted with General McIntosh – General Muhlenberg Captain Prather who were regular officers – he does not recollect the numbers of any of the Regiments.

That he volunteered first in June 1778 & marched from Hampshire County Virginia across the Allegheny mountains in company with several other companies whose names he does not now recollect. That they rendezvoused at the mouth of Big Beaver on the western bank of the Ohio River in the State of Pennsylvania & that he returned home in December 1778 – having served his six months out.

That he volunteered 2nd of April 1781 & marched from Hampshire County Virginia to York Town in Virginia – he returned home in July 1781 having completed his three months tour. That he was not engaged in any battle during said services. That he believes he did receive a discharge but has lost it.

That he is acquainted with William Heath, Isaac Vanmeter, Jacob Fisher & Jacob Hutton who can testify as to his veracity; & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

¹ This name MIGHT be Michael Hombeck, Michael Hornbeck, Michael Hornback.

² This name MIGHT be Samuel Hombeck, Samuel Hornbeck, Samuel Hornback.

And this Deponent further saith that he is unable to obtain the certificate of a clergyman as required by the War Department, as he is not acquainted with one who can give the requisite affidavit.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Yoakum, X his mark

[William Heath and Anthony Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded to the said Jacob Yoakum the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department which were answered as follows.

Answer to first I was born in Hardy County in December 1753

Answer to 2nd. I have a statement of the time of my birth, given me by my father, which is at my house.

Answer to 3rd. I lived in Hardy County when called into service and do now reside & have ever since the revolution resided in said County.

Answer to 4th. I volunteered.

Answer to 5th. I was acquainted with General McIntosh, General Muhlenberg & Captain Prather who were regular officers – the regiments I do not recollect.

Answer to 6th. I believe I received a discharge but have lost it.

Answer to 7th. I am acquainted with William Heath, Isaac Vanmeter, Jacob Fisher & Jacob Hutton who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[fn p. 18: On November 24, 1840 in Bourbon County Kentucky, Magdalen Yoakum, 88, widow of Jacob Yoakum, late a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married her husband in 1782 in Hardy County Virginia; that her husband departed this life May 1838.]

[facts in file: other documents in the file indicate that the veteran married October 8, 1782 in Hampshire County, Virginia Mary Magdalen Wilton or Welton; that the widow died in Bourbon County Kentucky March 23, 1841; in 1846 their daughter, Rebecca, wife of Michael Neff, a resident of Bourbon County, Kentucky, unsuccessfully filed for the pension due Rebecca's mother as the widow of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]