

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Searchman Our (Ours, Ower) R16873

Mary f38VA

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[f p. 11]

State of Virginia Hardy County: SS

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber an Acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State of Virginia on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November Searchman Ower a Resident of the said County of Hardy and State of Virginia aged 77 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 7, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated that in the year 1778, [several words written over and indecipherable] County of Hampshire, and as well as affiant recollects in the month of March, he was drafted for a Tower [tour] of 18 months, at the time of this draft this affiant lay sick with the Pleurisy and did not march with this Detachment, nor did he become acquainted at the time with the officers, that sometime after this detachment had marched he the said affiant recovered, he said affiant was sent for by Col. Abraham Hatem [?] who was then called the county Lieutenant and after having informed that affiant had recovered his health, he informed this affiant that he must go and join the Army about this time a Company of militia commanded by Captain Robert Cunningham was ordered into service for a term of six months. This affiant marched with this Company to the mouth of Big Beaver where we built a Fort called Fort McIntosh. Some few days after we arrived this affiant and one other person by the name [of] John Homan [?] was sent for and taken to the Army called the Regulars. When this affiant reached this Army, he was unwilling to serve in this Service and was compelled to hire a Substitute by name Morris Gahue, and gave him three hundred pounds and also served the Tower of Morris Gahue in the Company of said Robert Cunningham, which he faithfully served and obtained an Honorable discharge after having served out the said Tower of six months. This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he Declares his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed this 15 day November 1833

S/ Searchman Ower, X his mark

I was born in the County of Hampshire in the year 1755

I have [a record of his age]. It is now in my possession a Transcript from my Father's family record

[at the time I entered the service I lived] In the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia and now live in the County of Hardy in said State

I was drafted

I knew Captain Morgan, Colonel Gibson – I also knew Lieutenant Parks who was killed and scalped by the Indians

I did receive a Discharge which was signed by Major Taylor and witnessed by Captain Robert Cunningham

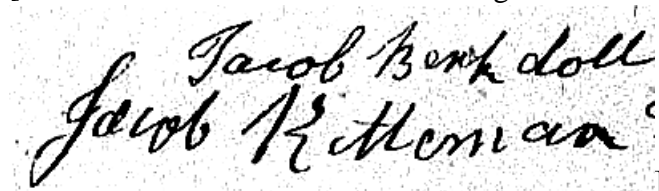
Subscribed and sworn to this day above

I refer to James Benkdoll and Jacob Kitterman Residence of the County of Hardy as persons who are acquainted with me and can testify to their belief of my being a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn & subscribed this day above.

S/ Searchman Ower, X his mark

[Jacob Berkdoll and Jacob Kitterman gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Handwritten signatures of Jacob Benkdoll and Jacob Kitterman in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box.

[f p. 31]

September the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day 1833

State of Virginia Lewis County to wit

This day Personally appeared before me – Christian Simon a Justice of the Peace in & for said County at the House of Jacob Hyre Said County Jacob Hyre Senior<sup>1</sup> and being first duly sworn before [me] and the said Deponent did depose and saith was with Searchman Ours in the Militia Service of Macintoah's [McIntosh's] CamPain [campaign] and went out with him the said Ours under Robbert Cunningham and after being thare a few Days thare came a file of men and Urs was taken and Put in the Ragular Servis to Serve an 18 months tower that he the said Ours Hired a certain Morris Gahue in his stead and that said Ours served out Said Gahue's tower in the militia and moreover Paid said Gahue \$300 for substituting in his Stated and that the said Ours Returned home with him the said hire from Camp after having Performed his turr to the South Branch

The said Deponent saith not

S/ Jacob Hyre, X his mark

[f p. 3: On November 22, 1849 in Hardy County Virginia, Mary Ours filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Searchman Ours a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him in the County of Pendleton Virginia by license after he left the service; that she cannot state when she was married but that her husband was 6 years older than herself and that she is 88 years old or thereabouts and thinks she has been married 65 years or upwards. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 34: On March 5, 1851 in Hardy County Virginia, Mary Ours, 93, filed another application in which she states her husband died September 5, 1844. She signed this application with her mark. P. 38: George Simon, 74, gave testimony on the same date that he well recollects as a boy being frequently in the house of Searchman Our & Mary his wife and that they lived together as man and wife for at least 60 years until Mr. Our's death which took place about 6 years ago. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Jacob Hyre W7856](#)

[f p. 7—English translation of German text appearing on p. 8]

In the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1780 since I have entered into the state of holy matrimony with Mary Simon God has blessed us with progeny and granted us a son the 14<sup>th</sup> (day of) December 1780, who however is gone into eternity before us.

In the year 1783 the 21<sup>st</sup> of March a daughter was born to me named Catharine. Sponsors were Catharine Ours...[sic, no text missing]

In the year 1784, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November a daughter was born to me named Ann Maria. Sponsors were Leonard Hyre and his wife Ann Mary Elizabeth.

In the year of Christ 1786 the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December a daughter was born to may, named Elizabeth: Sponsors are Mary Peterson and with her John Simon; she was baptized by Mr. Bernard Willey of the Reformed church.

In the year of Christ 1788 the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December a daughter was born to me named Eve.

Anno 1791 the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March a daughter was born to me named Sarah. Sponsors were the father and mother themselves.

Anno 1796 the 29<sup>th</sup> of December the kind God has again blessed us with a son, named Jacob, baptized by Reverend Mr. Mitchell. Sponsors were we the parents ourselves.

Anno 1801 the first of November Solomon was born. Sponsors are the father and mother themselves; baptized by Reverend Mr. Miller.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]