

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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State of Indiana

Orange County sct

On this ninth day of November in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open court before the honorable Burton Johnston judge of the probate court of said county of Orange now sitting Christopher Fleck Sen. A resident of said county of Orange in the state aforesaid, aged seventy nine (79) years on the 28th day of March 1835 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the state of Pennsylvania and removed thence when very young to the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia. That he has no written record of his age not being able to write and does not know that any was ever kept by his father but according to the best of his information he was born on the 38th day of March 1756. That when about 19 years of age he entered the service of the United States as a militiaman under Captain James McCreery in the county of Shenandoah and served three months and was stationed at "Fort Pitt". Within a few weeks after the expiration of the term aforesaid he again voluntarily entered the service as a militia man in a detachment commanded by Col. James Crawford at Buson Town (Union Town) in a company commanded by Captain John Buson for three months during which time the detachment was marched out to Upper Sandusky where they fought the Indians three days suspiciously, but the latter receiving a reinforcement, the Americans were compelled to retreat. Col. Crawford was taken prisoner and put to death by the savages. Dr. Knight (supposed to be Dr. Knight of Shelby County Kentucky) was there and was also taken prisoner and it was designed on the next day to burn him at the stake but a storm of rain coming on the thongs with which he had been

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Bound becoming wet and thereby relaxing, afforded Dr. Knight an opportunity to unbind himself and make his escape which he did. After this he went to Virginia whither his father had removed from Pennsylvania where he remained until about the ___ day of March 1780 when he enlisted in the service of the United States for eighteen months at Millerstown in Shenandoah County under the command of Captain Ault and served in a regiment commanded by Colonel Bird which was part of the forces commanded by Genl. Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. From thence they proceeded to Charleston South Carolina where they had an engagement with General Clinton in the vicinity of Charleston.

From then they followed Cornwallis to Little York and were at the surrender. They were engaged eleven days in the siege in hard fighting and duty and after the surrender of Cornwallis accompanied the prisoners to the Potomac and was discharged on the banks of that river at some ferry above tide water in the state of Virginia. In all of these tours applicant served as a private and received from an officer whose name he cannot now recollect a written discharge which was unluckily burnt about three years ago. He has no written evidence of his service and he knows of no living person by whom he can prove the same, his immediate associates in the army being either dead or in parts unknown to him. Upon his discharge from the service at York Town he returned again to the house of his father in Virginia where he was married and in about a year

removed thence to Redstone Penn. Where he lived about seven (7) years thence to Nelson County Kentucky where he resided about thirty years thence to Shelby County Ky. Where he remained about eleven (11) years and from thence to Orange County Indiana where he has ever since continued to reside. He is known to Jacob Wise and Thomas Cox two of his neighbors and to Chris Hostetter a minister of the gospel who is the nearest minister (except the son of applicant) who is acquainted with him, all of whom can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. And he further states that some years

[p6] ago he made an effort through the medium of James Collins Esq to procure the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 for which purpose he subscribed and made oath to his declaration drawn up by the Gent before named which was subsequently forwarded to the Department and returned therefrom with the objections which were taken to it. Which were as well as he now recollects that he had not with sufficient precision mentioned the extent of his service, that he had not procured the evidence of a clergyman and another dependable citizen and that no reason was assigned for the nonproduction. And that he had produced no witness to his service. Upon receipt of the declaration a^d the objections thereto he had been advised that unless he could produce proof of his service he could not succeed in his application under which impression he has ever since remained inactive on the subject until recently being otherwise informed in relation to the matter. He had again resolved to repeat his efforts. The declaration before alluded to has been mislaid or lost so that he has no knowledge of it now, He further states that he is unable to labour owing to age and decrepitude. That his family consists of a wife who is also aged and infirm and some grand children. That he has no land and very little personal property.

He hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Christopher Fleck x his mark

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Chris Hostetter, clergy

Thomas Cox, neighbor

Jacob Wise, neighbor

John McVey, clerk