

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Haggard R4429

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State of Illinois McLean County: SS

Before the Probate Court held in and for said County Special Term March 4th 80 1841

On the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court before said Probate Court then sitting which court is by law declared to be a court of record David Haggard a resident of the Town of Bloomington of said County and State aged seventy-seven years on the 4th day of February A.D. 1841 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 A.D. 1832. To wit, that he entered the service of the United States as a soldier and a private in the Army of the Revolutionary War and in the Virginia Militia in the latter part of the month of March A.D. 1781; the day of the month he is unable to state – that he joined the Army at Moppin Hills [Malvern Hills] eighteen miles below Richmond in the State of Virginia – that he entered the service on a tour of two months and was in General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade and in Regiment under the command of Colonel Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] – and under Captain John Harris Lieutenant William Wood & Ensign Presley Dollins – Company officers = that he entered the service in the year aforesaid at the opening of the spring campaign and from Moppen Hills marched towards Richmond – and turned across to Page's warehouse and there was stationed for some time thence marched to King's & Queen's Counties [sic King & Queen County] – that he served his tour out and was discharged and returned home – that after remaining at home two or three weeks he was called out a second time and joined the main Army at Chickahominy swamp below Richmond and was again in the Regiment of Colonel Holt Richardson under Captain John Martin Lieutenant Samuel Murrell & Joseph Shelton Ensign – his company officers – that he lay about & marched in that neighborhood in different places, mostly on the waters of that swamp – for nearly two months reconnoitering – that he then got a permit to go home and remained at home two weeks – that he again joined the Army just above Williamsburg and was immediately attached to a small body of light infantry under Colonel Sampson Matthews – the other officers he does not recollect – that he was at Birds Tavern with the light Infantry seventeen miles above Williamsburg fourteen days or thereabouts – and from that place was by Colonel Matthews ordered with nineteen men besides himself to repair to York to storm a piquet – and that Pinckney Musgrove was their guide – that on the way to York the company was surprised by the British Light horse and did not reach York but returned & on their return to the place from which they had been sent found the Company of Colonel Matthews had been disbursed by the British light horse – immediately after this he was relieved in his service in the light infantry and joined the main Army – and served out his time of two months and then got

a permit to return home – that he remained at home three weeks during which time the Army of Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] – that two days after the surrender he joined the division of the American Army at the halfway house between York and Williamsburg on their march with the British prisoners – and marched thence to the Potomac at Ruffin's or Roland's [sic, probably Noland's ferry] ferry and stayed there until the prisoners crossed into Maryland and was then discharged – that he cannot state the exact time of his discharge but it was sometime in the month of November of 1781 – that in his last service he was under Captain Joshua Fry and Lieutenant William Fry and the body of troops with which he marched in guarding the prisoners was three companies of militia or thereabouts –

To the Question "Where & in what year were you born" the declarant saith that he was born on the 4th day of February A.D. 1764 at the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia –

To the question Have you any record of your age – Ans. – That the family record of his family and of his birth is in the custody of his brother Bartlett Haggard of Clark County Kentucky.

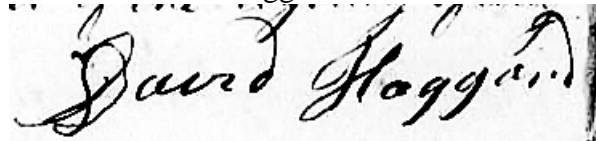
To the question where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? Declarant saith that he lived at said County of Albemarle within two miles of Charlottesville when called into service and until he was thirty years of age when he removed to Clarke County in the State of Kentucky – where he lived more than twenty years and thence removed to Trigg County Kentucky – and thence to the County of McLean aforesaid in May A.D. 1836 –

To the question how were you called into service, declarant saith that all the militia served in tours of two months each – and as soon as he was sixteen years of age he was required to entered the service and because of the pressing need of troops he served his successive tours aforesaid with only the intervals above named – that from the long lapse of time and his having no record whatever to assist his memory he cannot state positively the time of service, is confident it was for the space of six months in service and on duty and believes for a longer period but cannot say with more accuracy than he has stated aforesaid.

To the question did you ever receive a written discharge – declarant saith he did not – and believes no written discharges were given to any of the troops with whom he served – he states further that he knows no living witness by whom he can prove his service except his brother Bartlett Haggard of Clark County State of Kentucky Winchester post office – Declarant states that he is presently known to the Reverend Benjamin B. Drake a Presbyterian clergyman living in his immediate neighborhood also to John F Henry and James Miller who can testify as to his character for veracity and the general belief as to his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

And the said Declarant hereby relinquishes 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.

S/ David Haggard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Haggard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Benjamin B Drake, a clergyman, John F Henry and James Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

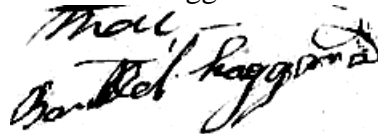
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Commonwealth of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

Be it remembered that before me John Williams an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County this day came in proper person Bartlett Haggard a resident of said County and who

is personally known to me to be a credible witness and a person of veracity and who being sworn in due form of law doth on his oath say that he is a brother of David Haggard a resident of the County of McClean [sic] and State of Illinois and that he has known said David from the time of his Infancy for he is a twin brother of said David. That said David as likewise this affiant were born in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia on the 4th day of February A.D. 1764. That a certain record of this affiant before me produced and of which I certify the following to be a true copy, to wit "Bartlett Haggard son of Nathaniel Haggard and Betsey his wife was born February 4th 1764" is the only record of the family in regard to the age of said David, he being born at the same time with this Affiant and said family record has been kept by this Affiant in his custody heterfore [sic] in the large family Bible. That this Affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that said David was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and a private in the Virginia militia and that he was for a time at least if not entirely during the period of his service attached to General Lawson's brigade – that said David was in active service in the campaign of 1781. That he served as stated in Lawson's brigade – that Colonel Holt Richardson he believes but will not certainly state was one of his officers – that he does not know of his personal knowledge that said David served for a part of his time in a small troop of Light Infantry under the command of Colonel Sampson Matthews, but that he believes from information of his brother & others that he did – that he knows it was so understood by this Affiant at the time, – that he is said brother was attached to what was called the forlorn hope & it was well understood that Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton's] Horse surprised the company of Light Infantry of Matthews & I learned that my said brother & others ran for it was all well understood at the time – that he knows that his brother was with the Army a short time before in a short time after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, but that his brother was not at the siege – that this affiant was there himself – that said David entered the Army early in the spring of 1781 and before this Affiant did – that said David was with the Army in the lower part of Virginia and that he served the greater part of the campaign of 1781 – that he cannot state positively how long said David served – that he served longer than this affiant – that this affiant was in the service two tours of two months each in all four months, that he knows his said brother served longer than that.

S/ Bartlett Haggard

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bartlett Haggard". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'B' and 'H'.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of February 1841
S/ John Williams, JP

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Printed list of Rejected and Suspended claims Book of 1852 gives "not six months service" [as the reason for the rejection of this claim]