

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Line R6357
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Original Claim

District of Ohio Brown County SS

On this 5th day of April 1825 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record by possessing the power of fine and imprisonment for the County of Brown and State of Ohio, Joseph Line a resident in the County and district aforesaid aged 70 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 provisions of the acts of Congress passed 18th March 1818 & 1st May 1820 that he the said Joseph Line enlisted as a private Soldier in the State of Pennsylvania in the Spring of the year 1778 for the term of 12 months in the company commanded by Captain William Harred [William Harrod] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George R Clark [George Rogers Clark] in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in the fall of the year 1779 making about 18 months he was in the service that he received a legal discharge which has long since been lost or mislaid that he was at the taking of the forsts [sic, forts] Illinois, Oci or Ocor and at the taking and re-taking of Fort Vincenes [Vincennes] and at the taking of old Chillicothe and in several other Scrimmages with the Indians and at one time he had his horse shot from under him by the Indians.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule below and I further state that I made application¹ for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 but never received any information on the subject since my application owing to my extreme poverty and infirmness of body I am once more induced to solicit the relief which I hereby conceive my case requires. Schedule of my property disposed of since my first application showing the manner & for what use it was disposed of is also here to annexed & by me subscribed.

¹ This file contains no such application

About forty-two acres of land appraised to \$1.50	\$64.50
One Horse \$30 and Cow & calf \$8 one cow \$8	46.00
One two year old Heifer \$3 one set of old trees \$1.50	4.50
One Set old plow irons \$1.50 one whiskey barrel 50 cts	2.00
One open handed barrel 50cts one Table & Bedstand \$1.50	2.00
One pot & skillet \$1.62 ½ one chest \$1.50 one churn bucket & pigin \$1	4.12 ½
one man's saddle \$4 – one woman's saddle \$7 – one set horse gears \$2.25	13.25
one Spinning wheel \$1.50, 5 pewter plates & one dish \$2.50	4.00
one Ewe & Lamb \$2.50 8 head hogs \$7	9.50
one pot & cattle and Bails \$4 – one open headed barrel 50cts	4.50
	<u>\$154.37 ½</u>

I am indebted to James Ball in the sum of \$30

I have disposed of no property of any description since my first application other than what was absolutely necessary for the support of my family.

I am by occupation a farmer my family consists of myself & my wife who is upwards of 50 years of age both very infirm

S/ Joseph Line, X his mark

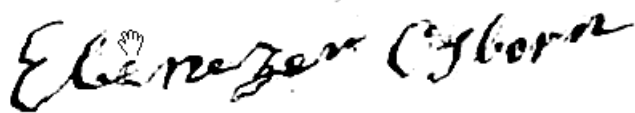
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The State of Ohio Brown County: SS

Be it known that on this 2nd day of August 1827 Personally appeared before us Joseph Stableton and Franklin Shater two of the acting justices of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Ebenezer Osborn who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Line and John Line when they volunteered under Captain William Harrod upon an expedition against Cuseucea [Kaskaskia] & then sends in the year 1777 that Joseph Line continued in the service in company with this deponent for upwards of 14 months when he left the main Army with Captain Harrod, but this deponent does not know of his own knowledge how much longer he continued under Captain Harrod. He further states that John Line continued with this deponent in the Army for about twenty-two or twenty-three months & further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this 2nd day of August 1827

S/ Ebenezer Osborn

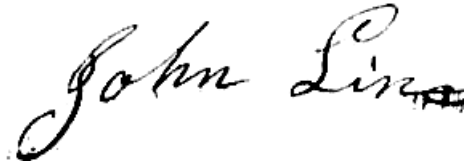


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The State of Ohio Brown County SS

On this 24th day of May 1830 Personally appeared before me William K Eskridge one of the acting Justices of the peace within and for the County aforesaid John Line who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was with his Brother Joseph Line when he volunteered under Captain William Harrod belonging to Colonel Clark's Regiment upon an expedition against Cucusca [Kaskaskia] and then sends in the year 1777 and that Joseph Line continued in the service in company with this deponent for about 3 months and then Joseph Line enlisted under Captain William Harrod from that time until the 15th of June coming one and then was discharged at Wheeling by Captain William Harrod, which Term of service to the best of my

recollection was about 18 months, for which Services he received as a Bounty one hundred acres of land and I John Line do solemnly swear that I was present at the time that Joseph Line enlisted and also present at the time he was discharged at Wheeling, and further this deponent saith not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Line". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text of the deponent's statement.

[p 13] The State of Ohio Miami County: SS

On this 27th day of September in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas for the County of Miami aforesaid being a court of record, Joseph Line of the County of Miami aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about the middle of December in the year 1777 at what was called ten mile Creek near the Monongahela [River] now in the County of Washington Pennsylvania as a volunteer for the term of two years in a company of the Virginia state troops in the company commanded by Captain William Harrod in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clark, from thence he was marched under said command to Wheeling Virginia thence by water to the falls of the Ohio stationed at the latter place about a month and built a Fort, from thence by water to the old Cherokee Fort below the mouth of the Tennessee River, where they left their boats and went by land to Kaskaskia which they took some time in June 1778 – That he remained at the latter place about a month when he with the company to which he belonged returned to the falls of the Ohio, where they remained in Garrison until about the first June 1779 – from thence they went to the mouth of Licking where there were collected a number of companies to the number of about three hundred under command of Colonel Bowman whence they went to Chillicothe at which place they arrived sometime in June aforesaid where they had a severe engagement with the Indians – they took & burnt the Town – but about 12 o'clock a reinforcement of Indians coming up they were obliged to retire. They went from there to Columbia on the Ohio River. That they remained there a few days when they started up the River to Wheeling at which place they arrived sometime in the month of July 1779 where he was discharged from the service in the month last aforesaid by the said Captain William Harrod under whom he served during the whole of the term aforesaid – he has lost his said discharge. When he volunteered he was promised one hundred acres of land which he got from the state of Virginia about 25 years since. He further states that early in the month of May 1777 preceding the tour of duty last aforesaid, he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man for the term of three months on 10 mile Creek aforesaid where he then resided in the company commanded by Captain Harrod, and that he served in said company as a Ranger on the frontier until the expiration of his said term of service when he was discharged from the service by the said Captain Harrod in whose company he served – and further that about the first of September 1777 at the place last aforesaid he entered said service again as a volunteer for the term of three months, in a company of Rangers under the command of the said Captain Harrod under whom he served in said company until the expiration of his said time of service, which was about the first December 1777 when he was discharged from said service by the said Captain Harrod at 10 mile Creek aforesaid. That during the first three months the company to which he belonged occupied what was called Fort Jackson on 10 mile Creek aforesaid which was their point of departure in

said service & that there was two companies stationed there which took turns of 2 days each in scouting against the Indians – That during said second term of 3 months the company to which he belonged and another occupied two garrisons about 30 miles apart, one at the mouth of Fishing Creek, and the other at the mouth of Grave Creek both on the Ohio River, which two posts the said companies occupied said posts on alternate days – that after the expiration of his said term of service, the said company was marched back to 10 mile Creek aforesaid where this applicant was discharged from said service and remained at home about 2 weeks when he entered the service under Colonel Clark as aforesaid and further that sometime in the month of September 1779 he entered the service aforesaid at 10 mile Creek as aforesaid as a drafted militia man in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain Jesse Pigman for the term of 3 months – that he continued in said service until the expiration of said term of 3 months, and was stationed with said company during that time at the mouth of Grave Creek aforesaid, when he with the company returned to 10 mile Creek aforesaid where he resided & where he was discharged from the service by said Captain Pigman. That about the first of June – the year he does not recollect, but it was at the time the men who served under Colonel Crawford in his campaign against the Indians were raised for and started on that expedition at 10 mile Creek aforesaid he entered said service by order of the Colonel of the Regiment: that applicant then being constituted by the Colonel a Lieutenant there being no commissioned officer thereof, as Lieutenant of a company of Rangers raised by draft for the term of 3 months, that he continued in said service as said Lieutenant during and until the end of said service occupying said Fort Jackson, where he discharged said company from the service and retired himself – that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services except that of John Line² and Alexander Jackson

1. He was born in Sussex County New Jersey 4th May 1755
2. That he has no record of his age – but it is in the possession of his brother and he has frequently seen it.
4. He has already stated how he was called into service
5. He cannot name any of the regular officers as none were in the service with [him] – he recollects the names of Captain Halm [?], Captain Williams, Captain Bowman, who were with him in Colonel Clark's expedition aforesaid.
6. That he never received any written discharge except from the service under Colonel Clark.
3. He was living when he entered said service at the several periods aforesaid in Washington County Pennsylvania aforesaid – that he resided there until the year 1781 when he removed to Grane [sic, Green or Grainger?]³ County Tennessee, that he lived there about 12 years when he removed to Garret County Kentucky where he resided about 10 years & then removed to Bath County Kentucky & resided there about 7 years – from whence he removed to Brown County in the state of Ohio where he resided about 21 years and then removed to this County, where he has resided one and now resides.
7. He states the names of Alexander Jackson, John Line, Samuel Line, Levi Line & Charles Hilliard to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and 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 and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

² FPA S18491 transcribed and posted in this database 10/10/13

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S/ Joseph Line, X his mark

[Alexander Jackson, Samuel Line & Charles Hilliard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Shelby County SS

Personally appeared before me John Francis a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Line who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Joseph Line of the County of Miami, State of Ohio entered the service of the United States in the County of Washington in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of December in the year 1777 as near as he can now recollect for the term of one year and a company commanded by Captain Harrod, which company was raised for the purpose of going out on what was afterwards called Colonel Clark's expedition, – that this deponent belonged to the same company and went with said Joseph in said service in the Company aforesaid under the command of Colonel Clark until they arrived at the Illinois where this deponent enlisted and was transferred to another company – that the said Joseph left the latter place with his company for the falls of the Ohio & this deponent remained. This deponent further saith that he again saw the said Joseph in said service at the falls of the Ohio and was in company with him until he was discharged at Wheeling at the close of Colonel Clark's expedition which he thinks was in June or July in the year 1779. There is no justice of the peace in his present neighborhood sufficiently acquainted with him to certify as to his character.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 6th May 1833

S/ John Francis

S/ John Line, X his mark

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The State of Ohio Miami County SS

Before me John L Tullis Justice of the peace within and for said County personally appeared Alexander Jackson who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith. That he resided in Washington County Pennsylvania in the year 1777 at the time the troops were raised for the purpose of going into the Western country under Colonel Clark – that he was then well acquainted with Joseph Line of Miami County Ohio who then resided in said Washington County Pennsylvania and he well recollects that the said Joseph Line entered the service of the United States in said Washington County on 10 mile Creek as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Harrod, in the month of December 1777 as near as he can now recollect which company was raised for the purpose of serving in said expedition – he knows that the said Joseph Line started away in the service & company aforesaid & was gone until in July 1779 when he returned having on a blue uniform coat and it was generally understood & believed that he had served under Colonel Clark in his said expedition into the Western country – and further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29 day of July 1833

S/ John L Tullis, JP

S/ Alexander Jackson



[p 21: facts on summary sheet: Soldier married Mary Magdalen Houst in Pennsylvania January 15, 1782. She died in Shelby County Ohio January 16, 1842. The following children survived her: Catharine Jackson the oldest child aged about 71 years in 1855; Abraham born November

13, 1800, Rebecca Kerns, Susannah Ball; in 1799 they had 9 children – no other names mentioned no further data. Veteran died September 4, 1837 in Miami County Ohio.]

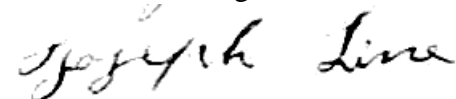
[p 3: On February 3, 1855 in Shelby County Ohio, Abraham Line aged 54 years on November 13, 1854 made application for the benefit of the act of July 7th 1838 due his mother as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father died September 4, 1837; that his mother died a widow on January 16, 1842 while a resident of Shelby County Ohio; that his mother were survived by the following children, the deponent Abraham Line, Susannah Ball, Rebecca Kerns & Catharine Jackson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Line". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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[p 22: On February 3rd, 1855 in Shelby County Ohio, Henry L Jackson gave testimony that he was then 75 years of age next May; that he was born in Pennsylvania in May 1780; that his mother was a sister of Joseph Line, a revolutionary war pensioner; that Joseph Line was legally married to Mary Magdalen Houst on or about the 15th day of January 1782 on the day known in tradition as "Cold Tuesday"; that he remembers the date of the veterans marriage because it took place shortly after his mother gave birth to his brother born on New Year's Day 1782 and that 2 weeks thereafter his mother attended the wedding of her brother Joseph Line. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 24: On February 3rd, 1855 in Shelby County Ohio, Joseph Line, 62 next June and a resident of Miami County of Ohio, gave testimony that he is a nephew of Joseph Line, a revolutionary war pensioner and husband of Mary Magdalen House [sic]; that his uncle and Mary Magdalen had 9 children all of single birth.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]