

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Noakes R7679

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State of Kentucky Lincoln County: SS

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Lincoln County now sitting George Noaks a resident of the said County of Lincoln & State of Kentucky aged sixty-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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated.

He states that he entered the Service as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia under the command of Captain John Snoddy, William Terril was the Lieutenant & Benjamin Logan was the Col. commanding in the District in what was called the Spy Service in the month of May 1781 [last digit unclear, could be 1780]; Snoddy and Terril were officers regularly commissioned by the Governor of Virginia, he volunteered at the Craborchard [Crab Orchard] in Lincoln County then a part of the State of Virginia (now Kentucky) on its southern frontier and at all times exposed to the hostile inroads of the Indians, who were in the habit of making sudden incursions upon the frontier settlements, murder the inhabitants commit barbarous devastations upon their property and then escape into their inaccessible retreats with Scalps & booty – It was the duty of the company of Spies to which he belonged to be always on the scout, to watch for the Indians, and give notice to the Country of their approach, to guard the inhabitants and protect them from the enemy, the place of rendezvous of his Company was the Crab Orchard in Lincoln County, from which they made constant excursions. He spied upon the Southern frontiers of the State of Virginia (now a part of Kentucky) on the waters of Dix River & through that section of Country called the Wilderness which at that time was an unbroken forest = he continued to act as an Indian Spy until the close of the revolutionary war for upwards of two years, and was in the fall of the year 1783 verbally discharged or dismissed by his Captain John Snoddy. He states that he was born in the County of Tazewell [sic, Caswell] in the State of North Carolina on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1766, that he continued to reside until January or February 1781 when his father removed to Lincoln County Kentucky, where he has resided ever since with the exception of two years in Mercer County in said state, that he has a record of his age in his family Bible which is now in his possession – he has no documentary evidence of his Services nor does he know of any Individual now living by whom he can prove them he states that he is known in his present neighborhood to William Finley & Henry Owsley who can testify as to his general character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services.

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

and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Noakes



[Moses Foley, a clergyman, William Findley and Henry Owsley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

An amendment of the original Declaration of George Noakes heretofore sent on to the War Department in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Lincoln County, now sitting, George Noakes & made the following amendment & additions to his original declaration, after first being sworn according to law, Declares that he did in the month of May 1781 into the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia in Lincoln County, then a part of the State of Virginia (now Kentucky) in the spy service as it was called under the command of Captain John Snoddy, William Terril was Lieutenant, John Logan was Lieutenant Colonel & Benjamin Logan was the Colonel & commander of the district that Snoddy's Company were stationed at the Crab Orchard in Lincoln County which was at that time a Fort, a portion of which Company was always on duty in Garrison, and the balance was out on spying Tours, or scouting, and that this declarant was almost constantly spying and when he was not spying he was on duty in the Garrison at the Crab Orchard, that there was at times of particular danger and accession of troops from other parts of the Country, and other officers were present, but Captain Snoddy's Company constituted the regular Garrison, at the said Fort. That the officers under whom he served were commissioned by the Governor of Virginia, and acted under the authority of that state, and received their arms & ammunition from Virginia – he cannot recollect the number or dates of his particular excursions from the Fort, as he was always engaged in scouting expeditions except when he was in Fort for short periods where he performed duty as a guard. And that he continued to act as a Spy until the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1782 a period of eleven months, and before he was discharged, his Company was ordered by Colonel Benjamin Logan to march with other troops to Richardson's Fort on the Southern frontier of Virginia to repel an invasion of the Indians who at that time invaded the Country in great force & all the disposable force of the Country were called out to resist them, that the officers on this expedition were the same as above stated with the addition of Captain Woods, Captain Whitley & Captain Estill & others, that they were marched to Richardson's Fort & found that the Indians had retreated and the other companies were then marched off to different points, but Captain John Snoddy's Company was stationed in the Fort & this respondent continued to act as an Indian Spy or scout, giving such information to the Garrison & the Country as could always enable them to prevent surprise. He cannot remember the times when he was spying and when in the Fort, but knows that he served from May 1781 to the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1782 a period of eleven months, at the Crab Orchard & from the 20<sup>th</sup> of March to the month of April 1783 when he was discharged verbally by Captain John Snoddy, that he served for a period of upwards of twenty-three months & was discharged at Fort Richardson upon the annunciation [sic] of peace in 1783 – that he served throughout the above period as an Indian Spy, and was not employed in any Civil Pursuit or occupation, and that for his Services as above rendered he has never received any compensation, he has ascertained since filing his original declaration that he can

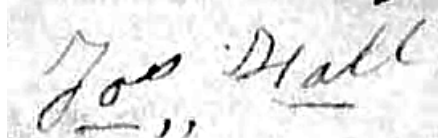
prove his services in part by Joseph Hall of Lincoln County Kentucky = Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Noakes

I Joseph Hall<sup>1</sup> resident in the County of Lincoln State of Kentucky, do hereby certify that George Noakes who has sworn to the above Amendment was an Indian Spy in the revolutionary war and that I know that he was serving as such at the Crab Orchard in the summer of 1781 under Captain John Snoddy, he knows not how long he served, and this deponent further knows that powder was furnished by State of Virginia and that the officers were acting under the authority of that State.

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jos. Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jos. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "J" and "H".

[p. 4: A handwritten, undated note in this file indicates that the application was rejected because the veteran did not serve in an "military capacity."]

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Hall S13302](#)