

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Snidow R9903

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State of Virginia }
Giles County } Ss

On this 25th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me [Ralph Lucas] a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Giles & State of Virginia Jacob Snidow & Resident in the County and State Aforesaid aged seventy years on the 16th day of November last 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 Act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein stated —

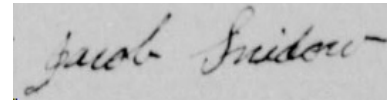
That he moved from Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1774 to Stoney Creek one of the tributary streams of New River in what was then called Montgomery now Giles County and State of Virginia – That in the latter end of the year 1779 he was enrolled in a company of Militia under the Command of Captain John Lucuss [sic: John Lucas, pension application W5468] That in the ensuing Spring 1780 as early as the 1st day of April he entered the Service of his Country in Snidows Fort at the mouth of Stony Creek which was erected in the year 1774 immediately after his mother moved to that place. That the nature of his Services during that season was to defend the Fort and go out with small Spying parties to watch the sly approaches of the Indians. That his Companions in this Service during this year were Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins [Hezekiah Adkins, possibly pension application R290] that they generally went from Snidows Fort to Wolf Creek [in present Giles and Bland counties] from thence to East River [in present Mercer County WV] & from thence towards Blue Stone River [Bluestone River in present Tazewell County VA] and from there up New River to Snidows Fort. That they were generally out on these excursions seven or eight days that when they would return a party of three or four persons would start out and be gone about the same length of time. That he remained in Fort that year with an embodied Corps until the 1st day of November under the Command of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss and during the whole of that aforesaid time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That in the year 1781 on the 1st day of April he again entered the service of his country as an Indian Spy and continued in Service until the 1st day of November following. that they were stationed this year in Snidows Fort at the mouth of Stony Creek that during this year he again Scouted as an Indian Spy in company with the aforesaid Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins that the nature of his services were the same as described the preceding year and that he was commanded by the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss. That as early as the 1st day of May 1782 he again entered the Service of his Country as an Indian Spy and continued in service until the 1st of November following. that he was engaged during this year as before in guarding Snidows Fort and in reconnoitering the Country from Snidows Fort to Wolf Creek, East River and towards Blue Stone River and up New River to Snidows Fort that the same persons Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins were his companions as Spyes during this Season

That in the Spring of the year 1783 as early as the 1st day of May he again entered the service of his country as an Indian Spy that his services were the same as those performed the preceding years that his companions in service were the same and that they again Scouted as Indian Spys in the same direction as before described that he was stationed this year as before in Snidows Fort and that he continued in Service this year until the 1st of November

That during the whole of his services as aforesaid he was under the Command of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss with an imbodyed Corps and was not engaged in any civil pursuit [Answers to numbered question prescribed by the Pension Office follow] (first) that he was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1763 on the 15th day of November which will make him seventy one years Old on the 15th day of November next (second) That he has no Record of his age nor never

saw one (Third) That he lived on Stony Creek a tributary stream of New River in what was then called Montgomery County now Giles when called into service where he has lived ever since (fourth) That he was called into service by Order of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss (fifth) That he has stated the names of his Captain in the foregoing part of this declaration and that he does not recollect the names of the under Officers if there were any in the company (sixth) That he never received any written Discharge for any of the services he rendered his Country. (Seventh) That he is known to Josiah J Lumpkin and John Lybrook [R6540] who can testify to his good conduct for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that he can further support his declaration by the Evidence of John Lybrook who can testify to his good conduct for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that he can farther support his declaration by the Evidence of John Lybrook who served in the same Fort with him

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity Pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State



[The following is transcribed from a very faint copy.]

State of Virginia }
County of Giles }

On this 23^d day of November 1835 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Giles County a Court of Record Jacob Snidow a resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy two years on the 16th day of November 1835 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz. That in the spring of the year 1776 (in March he believes) He together with others were ordered to repair to Philip Baragers Fort in the County of Montgomery for the purposes of their protect- against the incursions of the Indians. That in accordance with the said order he repaired to the said Fort at which place he remained until the middle of October following engaged on the protection of the defenseless women & children, and ranging the country in pursuit of the Indians, and guarding against their attacks and warlike operations. He was then discharged. He was engaged in the performance of the foregoing tour of duty five months. The officer commanding at the fort was Capt. John Floyd. Inferior officers not recollected.

His second tour of service commenced in 1777 In the month of April in pursuance of orders he again repaired to the above mentioned fort & there performed the duties [illegible word] as above specified until the 1st of October following at which time he was discharged. He was engaged in the performance of this tour of duty five months. His Captain was John Floyd. Lieutenant Christian Snidow [S17112]. Ensign not recollected.

His third tour of service commenced in 1778. In the month of April in persuance of orders. He repaired to a fort in the County of Montgomery commanded by the late Col Wm. Preston [William Preston] and known & called by his name at which fort he performed the duties & services as above specified until the month of October following when he was discharged. He was engaged in the performance of this tour six months. His Capt was John Floyd, Lieutenant Christian Snidow. Ensign not recollected

His fourth tour of service commenced in 1779. In the month of April in pursuance of orders he repaired to Snidow's fort (in the County of Montgomery) now Giles when & where he performed the duties & services mentioned as aforesaid until the 1st of October following, when he was discharged. He was engaged in the performance of this tour of duty five months. The commanding Officers were Christian Snidow Lieutenant & John Chapman Ensign

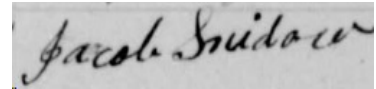
His fifth tour of service commenced in 1780. In the month of March in pursuance of orders. He repaired

to the last mentioned fort, at which place he performed the duties & services mentioned as aforesaid until the 10th day of June following as well as he now remembers. He was then discharged. He was engaged in the performance of the tour of duty three months. The commanding officer was Lieutenant Christian Snidow. Ensign John Chapman.

His 6th & last tour of service commenced in Sept 1780. He was ordered to & did march from Snidow fort under the command of Capt John Lucas Lieutenant not recollected & Ensign John Chapman to the state of North Carolina for the purpose of joining the army under the command of Col Wm Campbell – that at some place beyond the Shallow ford of the Yadkin the company to which I was attached met with the forces commanded by Col. Campbell on their return from King's Mountain [battle, 7 Oct 1780]. That he was then marched to Salem N.C. and was there discharged. He was engaged in this tour of service six weeks. If ever I received a discharge or discharges I do not now recollect it

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



NOTES:

Parts of Snidow's services were certified by Isaac Chapman (R1869), John Lybrook, and Christian Snidow.

Jacob Snidow's claim appears to have been rejected because of discrepancies between his two applications, as stated in the following letter probably by the Commissioner of Pensions, James L. Edwards:

Department of War/ Pension Office/ Jan'y 14 1836

Sir [Robert Craig, House of Representatives]/ I have rec'd the declarations of Jno. Lybrook, Jacob Snidow and Isaac Chapman and have placed them on file. On the subject of these claims I beg leave to observe that declarations in the cases of Lybrook & Snidow have been previously filed in this office, and these claims were suspended awaiting a report from Mr Singleton. The claims of the two latter were received by the Department as bad ones, and by a comparison at this time between their first and second declarations, this opinion is from the discrepancies that appear fully justified. The claim of Mr Chapman appears to be of the same character; all claiming for service in Western Va. as Indian Spys. These are therefore disallowed I have the honor to be

The Mr. Singleton referred to above was the US Attorney, Washington G. Singleton, who investigated numerous pension applications in western Virginia, as discussed in my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).