

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hageman (Hagerman) S13313

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The State of Ohio Richmond County:

On this 21st day of September A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record the is the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio in and for the County of Richland, James Hagerman a resident of said Richland County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years next November, 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and enlisted in its Army in the month of September 1775 near Centerville, then in the County of Loudon [Loudoun] and State of Virginia, and for the term of one year in the company commanded by Captain Simon Triplett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson, being if he rightly recollects called minute men; that he served and continued to serve in said Company and Regiment or Corps, office served and commanded as aforesaid, until about Christmas, December 25th, 1776 as herein after mentioned when he was discharged from service in Alexandria in the State of Virginia, that he served under the following named Officers, viz., Colonel William Grayson, Major Levin Powell, Captain Simon Triplett, Lieutenant John Thornton and Ensign Apollos Cooper; that he was born in where he was enlisted viz. at one Samuel Cox's Mill near said Centerville, that he marched thence to Dumfries on the Potomac [River] – Thence to Fredericksburg: Thence to Williamsburg: thence to Yorktown: thence to Hampton: and thence back to Alexandria where he was discharged as aforesaid – that during the above service, and about the first of April 1776 he was dismissed, and went home with orders to reassemble at a minute's notice where he remained till late in May following when he was again called out and thereupon went to Alexandria, and joined the same Regiment which he thinks & believes was the 3rd or 4th Virginia Regiment, still commanded by the same Colonel William Grayson. About harvest he was again permitted to return home to get in the harvest, where he remained about two weeks as nearly as he can now recollect, and was then again called out, and returned to Alexandria; and there continued in the service under the said Colonel William Grayson until or near the Christmas following when he was discharged from service as above stated: that he served under the above enlistment and in said Grayson's Regiment as aforesaid about fourteen months with the exception of the two absences above stated – that he received a discharge signed by said Captain Simon Triplett which he has lost how he knows not: that in and during the above service he was in no considerable battle, but was in a skirmish when and where the British attempted to land a little above Hampton: he was also when in the Militia service in another skirmish at Richmond when Manchester on the opposite side of the River was burnt [April 30,

1781]. He further on his oath declares and states that in the spring of that year in which Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown, he entered the service again in the militia of the United States in the Virginia troops or militia and served in such militia under the following named officers, viz., Major Samuel Cox & Captain Thomas Humphreys, that he resided in said Loudoun County when he entered the said Militia Service; that he marched from said County to Fredericksburg, on the Rappahannock [River]; thence to Williamsburg near James River – Thence to Yorktown; thence back to Williamsburg; thence to Richmond: that while he lay at the last named place Manchester on the opposite side of the River was burnt by the enemy: that General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] while the said place was burning came up & joined us with some Regular troops and artillery, and compelled the enemy to retreat & that he was discharged the succeeding evening, having served at this time two months. That he also served two months at Winchester in said State guarding the Prisoners Hessians & others taken in New Jersey under Captain James Zimmerman, Lieutenant Patrick Shannon and Ensign James Dunbar, in the summer following the taking of the above named Prisoners – that his memory is not very good as to the time of his last service, but as to its length he is quite certain: nor can he distinctly recollect what prisoners they were he was so employed in guarding – but only that he served 2 months under the last named officers in guarding Prisoners at said Winchester – that he has not in his power or possession any documentary evidence to prove his services other than the deposition of one Anthony Ethell now on file in the Pension Department to which he refers the said Ethell and this applicant having enlisted the same day together, and being messmates in the same Company commanded by Captain Triplett as aforesaid under his said first enlistment and service of fourteen months as aforesaid, together with the deposition of William McNab now dead to prove his enlistment, which said last mentioned deposition this applicant had also sent to the said Department from Belmont County Ohio.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the Roll of the Agency of any State; that he has a record of his age taken from his father's Bible and that his answers to the following interrogatories are true as stated, the same being propounded to him by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born.

Answer – In the state of New Jersey in the year 1758

2nd. Have you any Record of your age and if so, where is it.

Answer. Yes. I have at home and took it from my father's Bible.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In Loudoun County Virginia where I continued to live till about 28 years ago – since which time I have lived in the State of Ohio, part of the time in Belmont County, and part in Richmond County where I now live – the greater part in Richmond County.

4th. How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer. First I enlisted as in my previous statement first of all – For my second tour in service I was drafted; and I volunteered for the third.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer – We served very little with the Regular troops whilst I was in the service & we were employed chiefly as many men in repelling invasion & sudden descents, guarding the Shores of

the Potomac & James rivers in preventing the enemy from committing depredations on and [several words obliterated by a Mark on the document] of those Rivers & in guarding Prisoners at Winchester. I saw Manchester burned & General Wayne arrived whilst it was on fire with some Regular troops as above stated – but I'll was dismissed the succeeding evening and know the names of none of his officers. For further answer to this interrogatory, I refer to my general statement above.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it –

Answer – I received a discharge signed by Captain Simon Triplett as above stated, but never received any other. The above discharge I have long since lost, and I think lost by my children to whom as a paper of no use, I gave it as [a] play thing.

7th. State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Isaac Osbun, Esquire – Nathaniel Finch and James Handly – there is no clergyman living near me.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Hagerman



[Isaac Isbun, Nathanael Finch and James Handly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Of the State of Ohio Richland County: SS
Court of Common Pleas February Term A.D. 1835

On this 21st day of February 1835 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record the is the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Richland and State of Ohio James Hagerman resident in said County aged seventy-eight years last November who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said James Hagerman enlisted for the term of one year in the month of September 1775 near Centerville then in the County of Loudoun & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Simeon Triplett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson on the Continental Establishment of as he believes of the State of Virginia that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about Christmas December 25th 1776 as herein after mentioned when he was discharged from the service in Alexandria in the State of Virginia that about the first of April 1776 he was dismissed and went home with orders to reassemble at a minute's notice where he remained till late in the month of May following when he was again called & went to Alexandria & Joined the same Regiment still under command of said Colonel Grayson about harvest he was again permitted to return home to get in the harvest where he remained about two weeks as nearly as he can recollect & was then again called out and returned to Alexandria & there continued in the service under the said Colonel Grayson until or near Christmas following when he was discharged said service as above stated. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present. That his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State and the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. that he did make an application for a pension about twelve years ago or

thereabouts under the agency of Jacob Parker Esquire of Mansfield Richland County of Ohio that he failed in that application for want of sufficient proof not being able to find his discharge & believes it to be lost. That he has since applied & failed for the same or other reasons to him unknown. That he did not know of any person alive who served with him in the service until last fall when he hearing from a Gentlemen of this State who accidentally stayed with him a single night of the existence of a Comrade and Brother Soldier of his in the same company by the name of Anthony Ethell whose Deposition he has been fortunate enough to obtain in proof of his services &c the said James Hagerman and Anthony Ethell being messmates in the same Company.

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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of James Hagerman's Property

no real estate

one Mare

2 cows

one tea kettle, one Dutch oven, half dozen cups and saucers, half dozen knives and forks, one bucket, one pair Steelyards worth in all about \$70 necessary Bedding & clothing excepted

S/ James Hagerman, X his mark

That since the 18th of March 1818 no material changes in value or any other way has taken place in my property that I am by occupation a farmer – am old, infirm and nearly blind and unable to labor that I have no family except my wife Abigail Hagerman aged 76 who is also infirm & unable to labor. That we live with my son John Hagerman who supports us entirely & further he saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court this 21st day of February 1835

S/ Jared Irwin, Clerk

S/ James Hagerman, X his mark

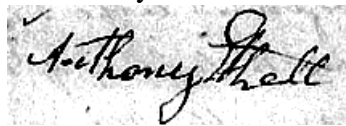
[p 20] State of Virginia County of Loudoun: SS

Anthony Ethell this day personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, & made oath in due form of law, that he is now a pensioner for services rendered in the War of the Revolution; that he was well acquainted with James Hagerman, now of the State of Ohio, & served with him in the said War of the Revolution as follows: They enlisted together under Captain Simon Triplett in the County of Loudoun in the month of September 1775, and rendezvoused in the neighborhood of Centerville in the said County (but now in the County of Fairfax) in the month of November following, and after remaining & being mustered there for about two weeks, they marched to Williamsburg in Virginia (having stayed about two weeks at Dumfries) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson, where they remained about one week, as well as affiant can recollect – from thence they marched to Hampton, & remained there, in camp, in the said Regiment commanded by Colonel Grayson, until the first of April following, or a day or two from that time: – they were then dismissed, liable to be called out again at a minute's notice. Hagerman & affiant returned to

their homes & remained there until about the latter part of May following, when they were called, & went to Alexandria, and there joined the same Regiment, which was there assembled. There they remained, in the service, until the harbors was about right, when they were permitted to return to their homes, and save their harvests, which they did; and in the course of two or three weeks from the time of harvest commencing, which affiant thinks was about 20 June, they were again called out & went to Alexandria, and there remained in the service, under the same Colonel Grayson, until Christmas following, when the Regiment was discharged and they the said Ethell & Hagerman returned home. Hagerman was not in the Army afterwards to the knowledge of affiant, though he thinks it very probable that he was out again in the militia service. Hagerman had no furlough during the time mentioned as having been in the service, but was a faithful & efficient soldier.

Sworn to & signed by the said Anthony Ethell the first December 1834

S/ Anthony Ethell¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Ethell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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State of Ohio Belmont County: SS

I hereby Certify that William McNabb of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Belmont and State aforesaid and then and there upon his solemn affirmation saith that James Hagerman of the County of Richland and State of Ohio did serve as an enlisted Soldier under Captain Simon Triplett in the Revolutionary War between the United States and Great Britain for the term of one year or upwards to the best of his recollection, affirmed and subscribed before me on the 10th day of October 1819

S/ William McNabb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William McNabb". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

S/ Wm Sinclair, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Anthony Ethell S6825](#)