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Pension Application of Peter Hawley S13328

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Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law begun and held for the County of Montgomery at the court house on monday the 10th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

It is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States, that Peter Holly who has resided in the county of Montgomery in the state of Virginia upwards of twenty years, and is aged about sixty seven years personally appeared in court, the same being a court of record and upon oath declared that he enlisted as a soldier in the war of the Revolution for three years in the county of Frederick in the state of Virginia, about the year 1777 under a certain Capt William Fields in the second Virginia Regiment from Capt. Fields company he was transfered to the company of Capt Lewis of which a certain William Long was Lieutenant and who (Capt Lewis having resigned or having been removed) for some time commanded the said company, until the command of the same was transfered to one Capt. Mitcham Boswell [sic: Machen Boswell, pension application R19364] under whom he continued until he received his discharge. he further stated that the command of the aforesaid second Virginia Regiment, was for the greater part of the time during his service under the command of Colo. William Brunt [sic: William Brent] and belonged to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. he further stated that after having marched through a great part of the New England States he returned to the state of Virginia where the term of his enlistment having expired he was honorably discharged by Colo. Brunt; he further stated that he was in such reduced circumstances as to need the aid of his country for support. That he never has been allowed a pension, and that he has not property to the value of one hundred Dollars, or any other income that the products of his manual labour which from his advanced age and consequent feebleness is insufficient for his maintenance. He stated further that he in order to obtain a title to his bounty Land, sent off his discharge which was never returned nor does he know where it is.

Colonel Reubin Ross being sworn in court stated that some years ago he was acquainted with the circumstances of Peter Holly and that he was then a very poor man.

Joseph H. Ha[?] Deputy Sheriff being also sworn stated that he was a few days since at the house of said Peter Holly, that he took his body by virtue of a Case, that he saw there a little property, but the whole place had the appearance of poverty.

Captain Hugh Gibson being likewise sworn stated that he had long known the said Holly, and had always understood that he was a poor man.

[The above is from a copy certified 2 April 1834. A note at the end reads, "The correct way of spelling the name of the applicant is 'Peter Hawley.'" A letter from the pension office states that a claim for a pension under the acts of 1818 and 1820 providing pensions for Continental soldiers was rejected because the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia State Line was not on Continental Establishment.]

State of Virginia. Montgomery County Sct.

On this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared before me John Wade a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia: Peter Hawley sometimes spelled Peter Hally, or Hollis, a resident of said county, aged about eighty (or perhaps upwards. having no register of his age cannot say certainly as to his age) 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. About the first of March 1777 in the county of Frederick in the State of Virginia, he entered the service of the United States as a soldier for the term of three years, under Captain William Fields in the second Virginia State regiment. from Captain Fields company he was transfered to the company of

Captain James of which a certain William Long was Lieutenant and who (Captain James having resigned or been removed) for some time commanded the said Company, until the command of the same was transferred to one Captain Mitchell Boswell, under whom he continued until he received his discharge; The said second Virginia regiment was for the greater part of the time during the service of the applicant commanded by Colo. William Brunt and belonged to the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenburg. This applicant resided in the county of Shenandoah in the state of Virginia at the time he entered the service, but entered the service in the county of Frederick having resided near the line of that county. He marched from the county of Frederick aforesaid under the command of said Captain Fields to Williamsburg, where they remained until the ensuing spring, when he received a Furlow for a few weeks and returned home, and just as his furlow expired he was taken with the small Pox, and on the fact being made known to his officers his furlow was extended until he should recover, that as soon as he recovered of the small Pox he joined his company again at the Valley forge, the British at this time was in Philadelphia [until 18 June 1778], from thence they marched to Monmouth, where he was engaged in the Battle [28 Jun 1778], they were then marched from Monmouth with the prisoners to a place called Goshand [Goshen NY?]. he was then marched through the New England states from place to place (all of which he cannot now from loss of memory recollect) they were stationed in the winter following at a place called Bon Brook [sic: Bound Brook NJ]. in the spring they were marched to the State of New York. He was also at the Battle of Stoney point [sic: storming of Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] where they took many prisoners and was one of the guard to guard them, after the battle; This applicant was continued in the service until the three years for which he entered the service expired, he was discharged in the state of Virginia by Colonel Brunt. his discharge is not now in his possession nor can he say certainly where it is; unless it is in some of the public offices in Richmond: He has no further evidence of his service, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service: He thinks he sent his discharge to Richmond for the purpose of receiving a warrant for his bounty Land. He entered the service in the second Virginia regiment as herein before stated, but was in the service with the Regular troops, Gen'l. [Charles] Scott commaned the regulars with whom he served, 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. Peter hisXmark
Hawley

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Parts of the online images are missing at places marked *.]

Virginia Montgomery County Sct

The deposition of Peter Hawley of said county aged about eighty six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that in the month of March 1777 in the county of Frederick and state of Virginia he entered the service of the United States as a Corporal in the Revolutionary war under Capt William Fields and served in the Regiment commanded by Colo. William Brunt, being the 2nd Virginia Regiment, that he entered the said service as a Corporal to serve for and during the term of three years, and after he had served as such six months he was taken with the Small Pox, received a Furlow until he had recovered, & he then returned to Valley forge where he again joined his company, during the time he was confined with the Small Pox, another corporal was appointed to serve in his room and after he returned to his company he served out the balance of the three years as a private soldier, he was transferred from Capt. Fields's company to Capt Lewis and then to Capt Mitchum Boswells the said Second Virginia Regiment belonged to the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Muhlinburg after he had served out his three years he was honorably discharged by Colo [*] which discharge he has lost or mislaid he [*] he now recollect whether another was appointed in his stead during his sickness but he is under that impression

In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand & seal this 25th day of February 1834.

Peter hisXmark Hawley

NOTE: On 1 April 1834 Joseph Hawley or Holley stated that in 1820 or 1821 the Sheriff of Montgomery County sold all of Peter Hawley's property except for a small piece of land, and that since then he had not been worth more than \$50.