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Pension Application of Jacob Kittle S13630 PA
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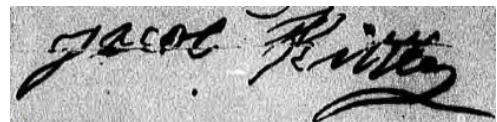
State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Randolph }

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Randolph County now sitting Jacob Kittle a resident in the said County of Randolph and State of Virginia, aged seventy five 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, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 on the 19th day of February, with Capt. Boyles he thinks he was called Thomas Lambert Boyles and served in the 3^d Battalion of the Pennsylvania line, under the following named officers, the Col of the 3^d Battalion to which he belonged was named Cadwaller his first name not recollected [Lambert Cadwalader], he thinks the Lieutenant Colonels name was John Shay. he thinks the Majors name was Baker he is not certain his Captains name was Boyles as he has before stated he has forgotten the Lieutenants & Ensigns names. he lived in Northampton County Pennsylvania at the time he inlisted but thinks that is probable he lived on the edge of New Jersey state. The Pennsylvania troops to which he belonged were laid off into Battalions, he belonged to the 3^d Battalion of the Pennsylvania regulars, he recollects that the buttons worn by those who belonged to his Battalion had on them a figure 3 & letters P. B. he also recollects that the uniform of each Battalion was different, he thinks the uniform of the 1st was late [light?] blue coats faced with white 2^d he thinks wore blue coats faced with red but cannot be certain. the 3^d wore brown coats faced with white. the uniform of the 4th is not recollected but he is inclined to the belief that they were deep blue coats faced with white the 5th wore brown coats faced with white their buttons he recollects had on them the figure 5 & letters P. B. he thinks the colonel of the 5th Battalion was named McGaw and the Lieutenant of the name of Pennrose [sic: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Penrose] Captain Boyles company marched from Northampton County Pennsylvania to Philadelphia and there joined the 3^d Battalion of the Pennsylvania line and with the 5th Battalion of the same line were stationed in the barrax in Philadelphia continued there according to his present recollection until sometime in June 1776. were marched from thence to where fort washington was built and aided in building that fort, at this place we joined the Troops under command of General [Thomas] Mifflin. from thence we crossed over the River Harlem to where fort Mifflin was built [on Mud Island in Delaware River]. continued there as he thinks until some time in October 1776, at fort washington he was taken sick and was in the Hospital at that place, when Genl. Mifflins troops marched to Fort Mifflin he was sent with the other sick to the Hospital near Fort Mifflin and when Genl. Mifflins troops marched from fort Mifflin back to Fort Washington he with the other sick were sent to the Hospital at a place called Hackinsac [Hackensack NJ] at which place he was on the 8th day of November 1776 discharged in consequence of being unfit for service he has lost his discharge having been in this service nearly nine months from February to November he returned back to Northampton County Pennsylvania and continued there until the Fall of 1777 when he was drafted for two months in the militia under captain Lawrence Con[rest of name illegible] the other officers names are not recollected we were marched from Washington County Pennsylvania to a place within about twenty five miles north of Philadelphia and stationed under Col Abraham Miller while stationed under col. Miller near Philadelphia a few days before our time was out Col. Stewarts Regiment came on to our station and continued there after we left that place, we continued in this place until our two months expired when he was discharged his discharge from this last mentioned service he has also lost from this service he returned to his home in Northampton County Pennsylvania and continued there until the last of February 1778 when one James Wells Jr. was drafted under Capt. Samuel Hoover for a tour of two months in the militia. Declarant hired as his substitute and was again marched to near Philadelphia and stationed under Genl Lacy [sic: John Lacey] to prevent the

British from coming up the country he at this place belonged to Col. Jacob Stroud's Regiment while here he was frequently required to act as a Pickett [piquet] guard at Frankfort Bridge over Frankfort creek while here the British Light horse took the Pickett guard at Frankfort Bridge and forced the troops under Genl. Lacy to retreat from their station We continued in this neighborhood until our two months tour expired when he was discharged his discharge from this service he has also lost from this last mentioned service he returned home in Northampton County Pennsylvania continued at home some little time when it was understood that the inhabitants of Fort Lackawack in Northampton County Pennsylvania were compelled to leave that fort with considerable powder in it, to prevent the powder from falling into the hands of the enemy a company volunteered under Capt. Anthony Shimar a militia Captain and went after and procured the powder. Declarant was one of the volunteers and was engaged in this service about ten days he thinks the last mentioned service was performed some time in September 1778 according to his present recollection, he then returned to his home in Northampton County Pennsylvania, and soon thereafter the tories having embodied themselves in Sussex County New Jersey and the militia of Pennsylvania were called out to disperse them, he volunteered under capt. John Vansickler and went on this expedition we took the most of the tories and put them in Sussex Jail and returned home having been in this last mentioned service between fifteen and twenty days. Soon after he returned from the last mentioned expedition he joined a volunteer company under Lieutenant Nathaniel Washburn and went to Fort Lackawack before mentioned to dislodge a [illegible word] of tories and Indians that were collecting there when he arrived at the Fort they were dispersed we returned home. he was in this service about Ten days it was performed about the last of 1778 making the entire service of Declarant in the revolutionary war about fifteen months. To the 1st question directed by the Department of war and propounded by the Court, he answers That he was born on the 26th day of July in the year 1757 in Sussex County New Jersey. To the 2^d question He answers that he has recorded in his bibl his age this record is taken from the entry in his fathers Bible of his age. To the 3^d question He answers that he was living in Northampton County Pennsylvania when called into service as before stated, in 1779 he removed from Northampton Pennsylvania to Tyarts valley [sic: Tygart Valley] now in the County of Randolph Virginia at that time in Augusta County Virg & has continued to reside there ever since and still lives there. To the 4th question He answers that he has before shown how he was called into service, and stated he served one tour as a substitute for James Wells Jr To the 5th question He answers He has already answered in this declaration as fully on this subject as his memory now enables him to do. To the 6th question he answers that he did receive several discharges which are lost he does not recollect by whom they were given but supposes by his commanding officers his present impression is that when he was discharged from his first Term of service of nine months that his discharge was by the Surgeon General of the hospital at Hackinsack before mentioned the name of the Surgeon is not recollected. To the seventh question he answers he is known in his neighborhood to Doct. Benjamin Dolbeare, Col Archibald Earle Clerk of the county, William Martiney[?] high sheriff of this county, Michael See a Justice of the peace of this County and Isaac Baker who can testify 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Kittle". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

[Certified by Thomas Collett and John Rowan as well as other neighbors named above.]

Weston Lewis Co. Va 29th July 1833

Sir The application of Jacob Kittle for a pension is again enclosed to the Pension Office in such form as it is hoped will warrant the placing of his name on the Pension Roll. It seems from the letter from the Pension office that Mr. Kittles name is not found on the records of the Department the applicant is a

very respectable man and possesses a very strong recollection for his age he informs me that he was a captain of a company of rangers or spies in 1798 and visited Philadelphia for the purpose of drawing the money to pay the soldiers under him, that he then saw his name in the war Department. It will be seen that the application is endorsed "James Kittle" instead of "Jacob Kittle" the applicant omitted to state that his capt. (Boyles) was promoted and one Tudor succeeded him it is probably that Capt. Boyles did not return a roll while Mr. Kittle was under him or that in the examination of the records of the Department the name of James Kittle was looked for instead of Jacob Kittle. under these circumstances it is respectfully requested that an other examination be made, and that in case his name be not found that the papers be again returned and probably the old man by visiting Pennsylvania be enabled to prove his services

Respectfully/ Your Obt Servt.

G. D. Camden [Gideon D. Camden]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote on this report "Entitled."]

Jacob Kittle draws \$47.66.

on the 5th of November 1834 Mr. Kittle made the following statement of his age and Revolutionary services to wit – he was born in New Jersey in the year 1757 – and removed to Virginia in the year 1779.

on the 19th of February 1776 he enlisted for one year under Capt. Thomas Bails, at the time of his enlistment he lived in Pennsylvania – he went over to Sussex County New Jersey & enlisted as before stated, and was attached to the 3rd Pennsylvania Battalion commanded by Col. Cadwalader, he was with others marched to Philadelphia & remained there in the Barracks awhile – the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion was also in the Barracks, from Philadelphia they were marched to Trenton – Elizabeth Town & New York & then up to Fort Washington, aided in building the Fort. remained there until the latter part of the Summer of 1776 – from there his Battalion were marched to Fort Mifflin, at that place was taken sick, and was moved across the North River to a little place called Hackinsack & remained there until the 5th or 6th of November, on the 8th of November the Doct. certified that he was unfit for duty. Col. McGaw discharged him & he went home.

In December 1777 he was drafted under Capt Lawrence Carrels for a term of two months, and marched from Northampton cty Pen down the Delaware River, within about 20 miles of Philadelphia, remained there until his tour expired. Col Abraham Miller had command of that station.

Sometime in Jany or February 1778 took the place of James Wells who had been drafted for two months. marched under Capt. L. Hoover, to near the place at which he served the last preceding tour. in this tour Col. J Stroud and Genl. Lacy commanded.

he volunteered under Capt. Abraham Chambers. went to Fort Lackawack for powder, was in this service 10 days.

he volunteered again under Lieut N. Washburn and went to Fort Lackawauck, and was in this service 10 days – and this ended his services.

Adam Cee, a Gentleman of character says Kittle is an Honest man.

A Copy/ W. G Singleton/ Nov. 26, 1834

NOTE: On 15 Sep 1833 Kittle was issued a certificate for a pension of \$47.66 for 14 months and 9 days of service. On 16 April 1835 this certificate was replaced for a pension of \$41.10 for 12 months and 10 days service.