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Pension application of Jacob Stamper S16544

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State of Kentucky County of Owen: SS

On this 5th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Owen County Court, now sitting, Jacob Stamper a resident of the said County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged 69 years and some months, 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 was born on the 15th day of December in the year 1762 in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia, that his father moved with the family some time afterwards to the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina; that in the early part of the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, in a company commanded by Captain Richard Allen, of which company stationed and kept principally in the State of North Carolina for the purpose of keeping the Tories in awe and subjection and protecting the Whigs in that part of the Country; though they operations of said Company and Regiment were not confined solely to the State of North Carolina but was frequently extended into the adjoining States and particularly into the State of Virginia in which operations of said Regiment frequent skirmishes with the enemy took place though there was no regular battle fought by it in which he was engaged: He further states and declares that he was in the service of the United States in said Company and Regiment for about two years: that upon one occasion he was selected by his Captain to go as a spy and reconnoiter the situation of a stout collection of Tories who had embodied themselves with hostile intentions, in Virginia just over the line between that State and North Carolina. That he did go upon said service in company with only one man and upon the route was compelled to cross New River by affording it in doing which he came near killing a fine mare belonging to himself and which he so materially injured that she was never after of months service – that he, notwithstanding the difficulties and dangers of the enterprise, did succeed in ascertaining the situation and design of the Tories and in procuring his brother who lived in the vicinity of their rendezvous and who was well acquainted with their maneuvers and intentions to accompany him to the American forces. At this time there was a man by the name of Zachariah Goss who was with the Tories and was one of their principle men being a brother-in-law of one of the Tory captains. This man was taken only two days after the above mentioned circumstance by the company of Captain Allen and was tried by the officers and condemned to be him to be hung

which sentence was executed on the same evening that he (Goss) was taken.

He further states and declares that after the lapse of about two years in said service during all of which time he served under the said Richard Allen as Captain, William Reynolds Lieutenant and the said Benjamin Cleveland as Colonel he left it without receiving a discharge or any writing evidencing his said services. And soon afterwards to wit, in the month of August 1779 he volunteered for a three months tour as a private in a company commanded by Captain Absalom Cleveland son of the above mentioned Benjamin Cleveland and the same William Reynolds who was the Lieutenant in Richard Allen's became the Lieutenant of Colonel Cleveland's Company – and the said company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Joseph Williams of North Carolina. That said Regiment rendezvoused at the Courthouse of Wilkes and was marched to the Western frontiers to protect them from the depredations of the Indians – That said Regiment did marched to the Western frontier and on the route at Powells Valley he (this declarant) was taken sick and was unable to perform military duty during the balance of his term of service and was left by the Troops at said place till their return, when they aided him in getting home that he then received what they called a discharge but by whom it was signed he does not recollect – and he says that he has lost said paper and it is now totally out of his power to produce it – nor does he believe that he can't at this time prove its existence or contents. He states that he has no documentary evidence of any part of his services during the revolution. Nor does he know whether there is any man living except two by whom he can prove any portion of his services and one of them is by the name of John Hammonds and resides according to his information in the City of Cincinnati of Ohio and the other William Lorange who lives in Owen County Kentucky.

He further states that after he left the service he soon married and moved from Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina to Grayson County in the State of Virginia. Afterwards moved back to Wilkes County and then moved to Botetourt County in the State of Virginia – then back again to the County of Wilkes and soon after his last removal to Wilkes County he moved to the State of Kentucky in the now County of Owen, on Eagle Creek in which section of country he yet resides in exceedingly indigent Circumstances and totally unable to provide for himself & family by reason of his almost total blindness in which condition he has been for several years past.

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.

Interrogatories propounded to the said Jacob Stamper by the court viz.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Amherst County in the State of Virginia on the 15th day of December in the year 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home on a separate paper which was taken from my father's family record and which has ever since been carefully preserved by me.

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

Answer. I lived in the County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina when called into service; soon after I was discharged from the service I married and moved to Grayson County Virginia, afterward moved back to Wilkes County North Carolina, then afterwards moved to Botetourt County Virginia where I did not remain very long before I'm moved back again to Wilkes County and after remaining there some time, I moved to the State of Kentucky on Eagle Creek in the

now County of Owen where I have resided in the main ever since and still reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered as a private in Captain Richard Allen's company and served therein about 2 years. I afterward volunteered as a private in the company of Captain Absalom Cleveland upon a 3 months tour.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. At the time of my said service I was quite young and have forgotten the names of the officers except those under whose immediate command I was placed. The Captain of my company was by the name of Richard Allen, the Lieutenant's name was William Runnels and the company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland which was the first tour which I served. In the last part of my service I was attached to Captain Absalom Cleveland's company with the same Lieutenant and Colonel Joseph Williams was the Commander of the Regiment – during this period of my service I recollect to have seen Colonel _____ Henderson who was an officer amongst the troops with which I served

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. For the first portion of my service I received no discharge that I recollect of, but for the last tour performed by me I did receive a discharge, but do not recollect by whom it was given, and it has been lost so that I cannot now produce it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I am well acquainted with Asa Cobb, William Cobb, William Jones, John McGibney and William Haddon and Tobias Willhoite which last named person is a clergyman who resides in my neighborhood and can state what my character and conduct is and has been.

S/ Jacob Stamper, X his mark

[Tobias Willhoite, a clergyman, Asa Cobb, William Cobb, William Jones, John McGibney & William Haddon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Affidavit of John Hammonds¹ taken on the 5th day of September 1832 to be laid before the Secretary of the War Department of the United States of America to be used in behalf of Jacob Stamper an applicant to be placed on the pension Roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier. This Affiant being of lawful age and first duly cautioned charged and sworn deposeseth and saith that he this affiant was a revolutionary soldier that he served as such five years under Captain Benjamin Cleveland, Larkin Cleveland, Martin Gambrel, Richard Allen (John [indecipherable name] who was the last of his officers) – that he was at the battle of Kings Mountain in the State of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, that he is not on the pension roll as such. That he knows Jacob Stamper of Owen County Kentucky who he has been informed is about making his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. That he will was well acquainted with the said Jacob Stamper in the year 1778 when he first entered the service of the United States – that said

¹ Sic, [John Hammon S9559](#)

Stamper was at the time quite a youth not nor this affiant thinks then 16 years of age – that he volunteered in a company commanded by one Richard Allen as the Captain that said Company he thinks was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Cleveland – which Regiment rendezvoused at the Courthouse in Wilkes – this Affiant at that time was a resident of Wilkes County North Carolina and so was the said Jacobs Stamper and they lived neighbors. This Affiant states that he saw Jacob Stamper leave home upon said service and saw him when he returned. And from his present impressions and recollections is satisfied he must have been engaged in said service at least 2 years. This affiant further states that after the said Jacob Stamper left the service in the Regiment of Colonel Cleveland he said Stamper volunteered upon an expedition to the Western frontiers, that he saw said Stamper start on said expedition – that he belonged to the Company of Absalom Cleveland and said company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Williams of North Carolina – He further states that he saw said Stamper soon after he returned from said last expedition and that he had not been recovered from an attack of sickness which he had during his tour. This affiant further states that towards the latter part of the year 1778 as well as he recollects he understood that Colonel Cleveland's Regiment had surprised a body of Tories who were collecting together on the Virginia side of New River and that one Zachariah Goss with whom this affiant had been well acquainted was taken by said Regiment tried and hung. That he recollects of hearing about the same time that this man Goss had made many threats against Jacob Stamper who this affiant understood had been the principal agent in detecting & surprising the said body of Tories.

Taken, Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th September 18 32

S/ John Hammon, X his mark

S/ James Glenn, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]