

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Sappenfield S17068

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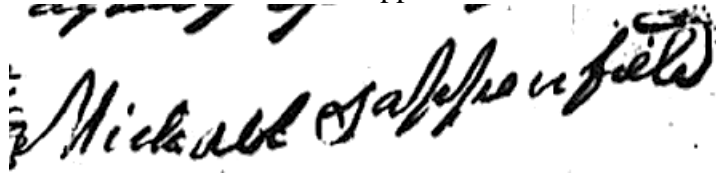
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State of Indiana Harrison County, Harrison Probate Court: Sct. February T.[Term?], 1833

On this 11th day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William A Porter sole Judge of the said Probate Court for the County aforesaid now sitting Michael Sappenfield aged 70 years a resident of Morgan Township in the County aforesaid 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First a tour of six months, commencing about June first 1780 in the company commanded by Captain Grimes [?] as he was called, but thinks he spelt his name Graham in the regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [probably Francis Locke] of the North Carolina militia under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]; that he marched from Roan County [Rowan County] North Carolina where he entered service marched[?] down the Adkin [Yadkin] River after the British & Tories to a place called hanging rock from there to Charlottesville [sic, Charlotte] in Mecklenburg County and there remained until General Gates [Horatio Gates] came on which was about first of August 1780 as near as he can recollect, was then marched toward Campden [Camden] and in about six miles of that place and between that and Charlottesville [Charlotte] the British under Cornwallis met us and defeated us on the 16th of August [1780]. General Rutherford was taken prisoner. After that battle we returned to Salisbury and there rendezvoused under General Poague or Polk, marched back to Charlottesville [Charlotte], to which place Cornwallis advanced then retreated back to Salisbury and there remained until this tour expired and he was discharged. 2nd A tour of six months commencing in May 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Hinkle in the regiment commanded by Colonel Locke, was a sergeant in said company, was principally employed this tour in carrying expresses, sometimes to Salisbury, sometimes to Hillsborough, sometimes to Guilford where General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] battle was fought, [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], and sometimes he was sent out in small squads to watch the Tories who were very troublesome in that part of the Country, that he entered this 2nd tour in Rowan County aforesaid and was principally stationed at a public store about 20 miles east of Salisbury in Rowan County between that and Guilford; that he served these two tours, amounting in the whole to one year as a volunteer. He further states that he was born in Rowan County aforesaid (at which place he resided when he entered the services above) in December 1781, that he has no record of his age, that he continued to reside in said County of Rowan until the year 1811 when he removed to Kentucky and lived there one year then removed to this county where

he now resides that he had a written discharge from said tours which he has lost; that he has no documentary evidence of his said service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. He further states that his neighbor Henry Lagle and Butler Burrell can testify as 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ H. W. Heth, Clerk S/ Michael Sappenfield

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sappenfield". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Butler Burrell, a clergyman, and Henry Lagle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On January 22, 1855 in Crawford County Illinois, John Sappenfield, 50, a resident of said county and state and an heir at law and administrator of the estate of Michael Sappenfield Deceased filed a claim in which he states he is one of the children of Michael Sappenfield, late a pensioner of the United States; that his father died in Harrison County Indiana April 14, 1837; that Sally or Sarah Sappenfield, the veteran's wife died in Harrison County Indiana October 15, 1839; that his father's living children now or John Sappenfield & Mary Boughes; that applicant is led to believe that there was money due his father at the time of his father's death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sappenfield". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 3: a note in the file indicates that the veteran died April 14, 1837.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and as a sergeant for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]