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Pension Application of Aaron Haskins S18437

VA

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On this 14th day of August, Anno Domini 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of the County aforesaid [sic: Chesterfield County VA], now sitting, Aaron Haskins, a resident of the said County and State, 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 7th 1832, entitled "an act supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1775 he enlisted for the term of two or three years (he does not remember which) as a volunteer in Captain Francis Goode's Company of minute men, in the County of Chesterfield & state of Virginia, & in the month of October of that year entered the service with the rank of Sergeant to the said company, marched down to Williamsburg where the said company was put under the command of Colonel Patrick Henry, continued in the service about seven weeks, was discharged about the middle of December & returned home; that the subaltern officers of the said company were George Markham, Lieutenant, & James Moody ensign.

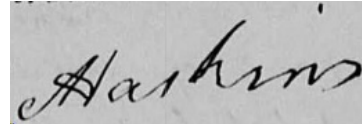
In the summer of 1776 he again entered the service in the same company (with the rank of Ensign) commanded by the same Captain & James Moody Lieutenant, in the same county & state, marched with the said Company by land to Hampton, where they were embarked & carried to Portsmouth & attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Meredith & Lieut. Col. Richard James, & was discharged in the County of Chesterfield, he supposes sometime in the month of December, as he remembers there was a considerable fall of snow before the company left Portsmouth, having served during this term at least three months.

Late in the winter or early in the Spring of 1781, the said declarant again entered the service, in the same County, as a Sergeant in the company of militia commanded by Captain Edward Moseley, John Hill & Robert Wooldridge being the subalterns, marched with the said Company down to Blackwater in lower Virginia, in the Battalion commanded by Major [William] Boyce, Regiment commanded by Col. James Monroe & Brigade by General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. After remaining there a short time, they were pursued up to Petersburg by the British forces under either [Gen. William] Phillips or [Gen. Benedict] Arnold. that he was present but being posted in that part of the Town called Pocahontas) did not engage in the Battle at Petersburg about the last of April [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], when the Baron Steuben also had some command, against the combined British force under General Phillips & Arnold; from Petersburg, marched through Chesterfield about the time the Courthouse of that County was burnt by a detachment of General Phillips's Army [27 Apr]; crossed James River at Tuckahoe, marched down to Richmond & was met there by General Lafayette, & discharged soon after at Wilton in the County of Henrico, in the month of May, some time after the death of Gen'l. Phillips at Petersburg [13 May], as well as he can now recollect; having served during this tour at least three months.

In the latter part of the summer of the same year, he again entered the service in the same County, as orderly sergeant in the militia company commanded by Capt'n George Markham, Robert Wooldridge & Luke Fowler being the subalterns, in the Regiment commanded by Col. St. George Tucker, marched down to the neighbourhood of Williamsburg, & then to York; was present & engaged in the siege of that place; after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis's army [19 Oct 1781], attended the prisoners to Winchester, returned to the County of Chesterfield, & was then discharged about the last of November, having served upwards of three months.

That he was born in the County of Chesterfield and state of Virginia, the 9th February 1757 as he has always understood, and has always resided in the same County in the neighbourhood, but has no record of his age. That he never received any written discharge, and has no documentary evidence of his service, except that he has preserved those original muster rolls made out by him as orderly sergeant, two of the Capt. Goode's company of minute men, and one of Capt Markham's Company at the siege of York. That he does not recollect having served with or under any regular officers, except at York when he was put into the main army under General Washington. 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 this day and year beforementioned



[Edward Bass (pension application S6595) certified two tours by Haskins.]

[The following is apparently the muster roll made by Haskins as Orderly Sergeant in Capt. George Markham's company in the tour that included the Siege of Yorktown (28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781). In a statement supporting the pension application (S9214) of John Condrey, Haskins stated that Condrey was on that muster roll.]

Mr. Aaron Haskins at head Quarters

Daniel Turpin

George Turpin

Chas Gordon [Charles Gordon S41585]

Thos Worsham [Thomas Worsham]

David Cashon [David Cashin R1782]

Archer [last name illegible; probably Archer Rudd S6040]

Uriah Hatcher[?]

[illegible] Robson[?]

Henry Whorale[?]

Robt Haskins [Robert Haskins]

John Gordon

Fra's Cole [Francis Cole]

John Haskins[?]

Wm [illegible]

[illegible]

George Sublett

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Drury Rooper [Drury Roper S4133]

Wm Cliborn [William Cliborne (Clibourn) W10620]

Josiah Blanship [Josiah Blankenship S8072]

Ben Blanship [Benjamin Blankenship]

Thos Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]

R'd Roberson [probably Richard Robertson S6022]

Wm Blanenship [William Blankenship]

Aa Haskins [Aaron Haskins S18437]

Wm Elam [William Elam]
John Condery [John Condrey S9214]
R'd Elam [Richard Elam]
Henry Beaseley [Henry Beasley]
Henry Hatcher
Jesse Nunaley
R'd Gates [Richard Gates]
Henry Boles
John Cayle[?]

To Aaron Haskins at Williamsburg
Loving Son

This come to Let you know that we are all well hoping this will find you so I have Rec'd. three Letters from you and desire you'll send another if you are to stay any Longer but Collo. Cary told me he intended to send Down a couple of Companies to Relieve you if you do not know any thing of your being discharged shall be glad you'll send up a little of that Linnen by Barkley if you want Money to pay for it Apply to Capt. Markham for some or all of Wm. Elams Money if he will pay it; if you apply to Cap'n. Markham give my servive to him and tell him that I shall esteem it as a favour of him if he will Discharge the Bond of Elam or part of it if you cant get any of him Apply to Thos Elly's for some and Dont forget to get us some More paper [sic] if you can contrive it, I am so busy that I cant come down yet but if you continued I will come down as soon as possible I dont expect I can come till the Last of Next week or the first of the Week after Remember Our Love to you give my complem'ts to your officers and Love to all the soldiers and you'll oblige your Loving Father
Rob't Haskins [Robert Haskins]
4th Dec'r. 1775

To Mr. Aaron Haskins at Portsmouth
Loving Son

I Rec'd. your fourth Letter and am glad to hear that you are getting Better of your Sickness you wrote me word that there wass no paper to be had it was not paper I Rote for but pepper and your Mamey says you Must get her a paper of pins if you can We are in Tollerable health at present hoping this will find you and the Rest of the companies so I understand that it is a very Wicked place you are in I hope you Will take care not to follow such ill Examples but behave your self at all times as though you were in the presence of God as you certainly are for he is a Discerner of thoughts as well as Actions. I hope you'll send me a Letter by Josiah Bass to let me know how you and all the Rest of you does Josiah Lester is Dead the Neihbours are all Much as you Left them no More at present but [illegible word] your Mamey Brothers and Sisters joins me in Our Love to you and I Remain your Loving Father
Oct'r 31st 1776
Robt. Haskins
P.S. I shall be glad if you send me some Wafers in your Next Letter if there is any to be had. R. H.

Mr. Aaron Haskins at HeadQuarters Near Portsmouth
Loving Sons

This is to Let you know that we are all in health praised be God for it hoping this will find you both so your Mother says she will send you a shirt about Easter if any Oppertunity I expect to send the folks to the quarter next week to get the ground Ready for planting of corn I expect Henry Hatcher to take his place and Col[?] to come home you Ought to see whether he has Money enough to bring him up or Not; Cap'n. Williamson says he saw two Expresses agoing to the Governor to let him know we have taken Lord Cornwalliss and all his Men No More at present we all join in Our Loves to you and your Brother

5th April 1781[?]

Robt. Haskins

Loving Son

I take this Oppertunity of Informing you that we are all Well hoping this will find you so we have Rec'd. the Cloaths you sent by Noel but have Not got any by Trabue I have sent Bob Down I saw Maj'r. Goode as he was agoing Down at Our Last Court and spoke to him about it he further told me to keep him at home till he got Better I have heard today that the Maj'r. is at home sick I have heard today also that you have taken Cornwalliss but dont know the certainty of it if it is not so I wood be glad youl Let me know in your Next letter whether their is any of the British on Gloster [sic: Gloucester] side or not I am in hopes you will do your work and be up to the Draught but if not I shall Act for the best for you that I can but had Rather you could be there yourself Harry Taburn[?] had the Misfortune to Loose his wife in a short time Tell Richard Northcut his family is all Well and his wheat is trod Out and sowed No More at present but all my familey and your sister Hatcher Joins me in Our well wishes and Love to you and I Remain your Loveing Father

Rob't. Haskins

Saturday Night the 13th Oct'r 1781

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in the County & State aforesaid, Aaron Haskins, who, being duly sworn, deposes to the following statement, viz "That from old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, viz, For one month & twenty one days I served as a Sergeant in the minute service, for three months I served as Ensign in the minute service, and for six months I served as Sergeant in the Virginia militia in the United States service in the Revolution, making three months as Ensign & seven & a half months as Sergeant, for which service he claims a pension.

That he could mention several hundred persons he supposes, who can testify to his veracity & their belief of his service in the Revolution, but supposes it will be sufficient to refer to Major Wm Goode, & Capt Edmond Lockett late high sheriff of the County, a to James Elam, Richard Elam & Wm. J. Archer esquires."

A Haskins

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 4th of December 1832.

NOTE: The file contains a certificate that Aaron Haskins died on 7 Dec 1832 leaving a widow, Eliza D. Haskins. and that John H. Haskins was administrator of his estate. A letter dated 2 Oct 1833 states that "Major Aaron Haskins." left "a child, & two grandsons, children of a deceased daughter."