

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Line S18491

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The State of Ohio Shelby County to wit

On this 18th day of October 1832 Personally appeared before me David Henry one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County – John Lines [sic] in his 75th year – 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 a Private in a volunteer Corps under Colonel George Rogers Clark Captain William Herrod [William Harrod], first Lieutenant John Swan, 2nd Lieutenant Richard B. Shears [I believe this is most likely Richard Brashears], sometime about the 18th of December 1777 on Ten mile Creek (near Monongahela River) now Washington County Pennsylvania, from Ten mile he marched to Wheeling in Virginia, from thence we descended the Ohio [River] to the falls near Louisville, where we built a stockade on the Island in the river in the spring of 1778 sometime in May we descended the Ohio to the old Cherokee [sic, Cherokee?] Fort from thence under Colonel Clark we marched to and was at the Taking of Illinois and Governor Roseblock [Rocheblave] – in February 1779 – we marched to Opost [modern-day Vincennes] and took it and Governor Hamilton (I was there under Captain Williams) from thence we returned to the falls in March, on the first of June we left the falls and was marched to old Chillicothe which we took – from thence we were marched to Wheeling where we were discharged in July as I believe in the year 1781 I volunteered under Captain Ross at Ten Mile in Colonel Crawford's Expedition and was in the defeat at Sandusky¹ – also between 1779 & 1781 I served as a Captain in Militia a three months tour of duty – 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 or

That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service, except his brother Joseph Line² whose affidavit is accompanying, he never received a written discharge except from the one years service³

Territory and that he has lost by frequent removals.

S/ John Line, X his mark

[Walter Evans, Samuel Line and Jonathan Nichols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Joseph Lines being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he was personally with his brother John Lines the above declarant through all the Expeditions he states in the above declaration except at

¹ Crawford's Defeat June, 1782

² FPA R6359 [transcribed and posted in this database on 10/10/13]

³ all of the text in small type is inserted in small handwriting at the bottom of the first page of this document

Opost and knows them to be substantially true – and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th of October 1832 S/ Joseph Line, X his mark
[Note: all of the following document has been "X'd" out for some reason.]

The State of Ohio Shelby County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an Acting justice of the peace in and for said County John Lines who being duly sworn deposes and saith that from the long lapse of time gone by since performance of the service as well as from old age and loss of memory I cannot recollect positively the dates or length of service performed as within that I am Positive that I served not less than six months a volunteer under Captain William Herrod of Colonel George Rogers Clark of the Virginia line also I served one year a private soldier under Captain John Williams of same Regiment and was discharged at Wheeling in July 1779 at Wheeling as well as the different service within stated and for such service I claim a pension – I know of no living witness to prove the facts at this day but my Brother whose deposition is accompanying.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 12th day of June 1833

S/ John Line, X his mark

S/ D. Henry, JP

The State of Ohio Shelby County: SS

Personally came before me David Henry an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Joseph Line who being duly sworn deposes and saith that John Line (who made declaration to obtain a pension on the 18th of October last, before David Henry Associate Judge of said County) was volunteered into the Virginia Service at ten mile [Creek] then called Virginia (now Washington County Pennsylvania) on the 18th of December 1777 under Captain William Herrod Colonel George Rogers Clark's Regiment Virginia Line and served as such volunteer until July 1778 during which service he was at the taking of Cascaska [Kaskaskia] and then sends – in July of 1778 he said John Enlisted under Captain John Williams of said Regiment & Virginia Line and served as a private soldier in said Company and was stationed at Illinois, from where he was marched to Opost from thence he was marched to Wheeling where he was regularly Discharged these facts he says he is enabled to state certain as he was personally with him the whole time only at Opost – I was knowing to his being at Colonel Crawford's defeat at Sandusky also that he served at a station three months as a Captain of militia in the Virginia service his discharge as above stated at Wheeling was sometime in the month of July 1779.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 12th day of June 1833

S/ D. Henry, JP

S/ Joseph Line, X his mark

The State of Ohio Shelby County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Shelby and State of Ohio John Line who being duly sworn deposes and saith by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, For the term of six months as a volunteer at one time a private, for twelve months a private soldier of the regular Army, for one month and fourteen days a volunteer under Colonel Crawford, making in all nineteen months and fourteen days, which he served as a private and also for three months service as a militia Captain and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ John Line, X his mark

[Attested in Shelby County Ohio June 9, 1833]

[Note: A note in the file indicates that the veteran died January 15th, 1843.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$124.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year seven months and fourteen days and as a Captain for three months in the Virginia service.]