

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Peak S35550

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The United States of America to Joseph Ogelsby, Esqr. of Jefferson County Greeting: We reposing confidence in your capacity & integrity do by these presents authorize & require you to examine upon oath Evan Davis of the said County relative to the mode of life & employment of Nathan Peak (late a Sgt. in the first Maryland Regiment upon Continental establishment, which was raised during the revolutionary War) since he left the service & the place or places where he has since resided, together with the place of his present residence.

You also required to certify your opinion relative to the credibility of the said witness, & when you have taken his Affidavit to annex it to this Commission & enclose them to the Secretary for the department of War. In witness whereof Henry Innes our Judge in and for the Kentucky District have hereunto set his hand this 31st day of July 1807.

S/ Henry Innes

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Jefferson County to wit

This is to Certify that Evan Davis Personally came before me a Justice of the peace for the said County & made oath that he had been acquainted with Nathan Peak about 23 years that he followed the Business of a farmer & always supported an honest & industrious character. Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1807

S/ Joseph Oglesby, JPJC

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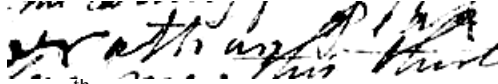
The United States of America to Richard M Johnston Esq. of Scott County Greeting. We reposing confidence in your integrity & capacity do by these presents authorize & require you to examine upon oath Richard Anderson of the State of Maryland & late Capt. in the first Maryland Regiment upon Continental establishment relative to a writing signed by Henry Gaither late a Capt. in the said Regiment, purporting to be a discharge from the service of the said States of Nathan Peak late a Soldier in the said Regiment, & dated the 17th day of November 1801 at Annapolis in the said State of Maryland. You are also required to state in writing your opinion relative to the credibility of the said Richard Anderson. And after you have taken the Affidavit of the said witness, annex it to this Commission & enclose them to the Secretary of the department of War. In witness whereof Henry Innes our judge in and for the Kentucky District have hereunto set his hand this 31st day of July 1807.

S/ Henry Innes

The State of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

Be it remembered that on the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 before me William Cotton, one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid personally appeared Nathan Peak of the Township of Jefferson, County aforesaid, a resident citizen of the United States who after being duly sworn according to law doth and did declare and say that he entered into the service or Army of the United States raised for the defense of American Liberty and Independence and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof, as a private in a Company of rifle[men] raised and commanded by Capt. Michael Crisup [?]¹ in the State of Maryland in the year A.D. 1775, in General Montgomery's Army for nine months. Again, he enlisted in 1776, as a private under Capt. Barton Lucas, under Col. Smallwood [William Smallwood] and served one year. Again, in 1777, he enlisted under Capt. Nathaniel Ewing, for three years or during the war, and Brig. General William Smallwood's Regiment (General Smallwood was appointed governor of Maryland, after serving two campaigns and was superseded by General Guest [Mordecai Gist]). After Capt. Nathaniel Ewing resigned he was attached to Capt. Henry Gaitor's [Henry Gaither] – on the promotion of Capt. Gaitor Capt. Muse [perhaps Walker or Walter Muse] took command of the company. Previous to the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina, in which he was wounded, he was appointed deputy issuing commissary of the 1st Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Gunby [John Gunby] by ___ Forsyth commissary general from Virginia, Amelia County. In the year 1782, November 17, being a Prisoner at Charleston South Carolina he was paroled by General Lasley [Alexander Leslie], and returned home. And that he has no pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States to his knowledge and if any should exist he doth hereby fully and entirely release the same to the United States and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Nathan Peak



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of May in the year of our Lord AD 1818

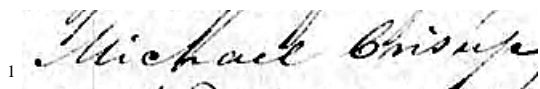
S/ William Cotton

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County SS

Personally appeared before me William C Keen, a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid duly elected, commissioned & sworn, this 24th day of July A.D. 1818, at my office in the town of Vevay, Nathan Peak, who after being duly sworn, doth and did depose, declare and say, that he served in the Revolutionary war, for four years with John Williams as follows:

We served under Capt. Edward Prawl, of the First Maryland Regiment, which Regiment was commanded by Col. Thomas Stone of General William Smallwood's brigade, for one year Again – We served together under Henry Gaitor [Henry Gaither] of the same Regiment, for eighteen months.

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Again – John Williams served under my command (I served as Lieut. & was commissioned by John Hancock) about one year.

Again – We served together under Capt. William Muse [sic], of the same Regiment, for six months.

Again – John Williams, served under Capt. Samuel Hansen (I was attached to the staff of the Regiment) about one year and that he is in reduced circumstances. Further saith not.

S/ Nathan Peak

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of July A.D. 1818.

S/ William C. Keen, JP

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, April 28th, 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Nathan Peek [sic] enlisted as a Private in the First Maryland Regiment on the Tenth day of December 1776 and was discharged on the First day of November 1780

S/ Thos. Karney

Aud. S. M.

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Auditors Office, Annapolis, June 29th – 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the pay-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Nathan Peak received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line, the sum of \$136.64 arrears in pay from the 1st August 1780 to the 1st of January 1782. Also the sum of \$69.70 4 pay from the 1st of January 1782 to the __ and also the sum of \$__ from the 1st of January 1783 – to the __ when his time expired.

S/ Thos. Karney, A. S. Md.

He was a Sergt.

TK

discharged 14th of Nov. 82

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County: SS

Be it remembered, that on the 1st day of November A.D. 1819, before me, the undersigned Abner Clarkson, one of the Associate judges of the Switzerland Circuit Court personally appeared Nathan Peak aged about fifty-seven years resident in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:" that he the said Nathan Peak enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ A.D. 1777, in Annapolis Maryland in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Gaitor [Henry Gaither] of the Regiment commanded by Col. Stone in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the __ day of __ 1780, when he was discharged near Philadelphia in Bucks County – that he was in the battles of White Plains [Oct. 28, 1776], at Trenton [December 26, 1776], at Princeton [January 3, 1777]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no further evidence now in his

power, except what is here with enclose, of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abner Clarkson, Associate Judge

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Schedule

A Schedule of property belonging to Nathan Peake [sic] of the County of Switzerland to wit

28 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land	1 breakfast table
2 horses	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen knives & forks
3 Hogs	3 pewter plates
2 Pigs	1 Silver Watch
1 pot	2 Chairs
1 skillet	

and that the said Nathan Peake is indebted Eighty one Dollars.

S/ Nathan Peak



District of Indiana Switzerland County: Sct.

On this 14th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Switzerland in the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana Nathan Peake aged Sixty Eight years resident in the said County of Switzerland in the said Third Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit under captains Barton Lucas, Nathaniel Ewing, Henry Gaither and Capt. Muse in the First Regiment in the Maryland line commanded by Col. Smallwood, that he has received a pension from the United States since the 13th of May 1818 that his pension Certificate is numbered 16.048 and dated November 26, 1819 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That he is by occupation a farmer and that he has the following family residing with him to wit his wife Catherine Peake aged Sixty-four years

S/ Nathan Peak

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 14th day of September A.D. 1820 before the Hon. Miles C Egglston Circuit & Pres. Judge of the said Third Circuit in the State of Indiana and the Hon. Abner Clarkson & Ralph Cotton Associate Judges of the said Switzerland Circuit Court.
[The court valued the schedule of property at \$187.25]

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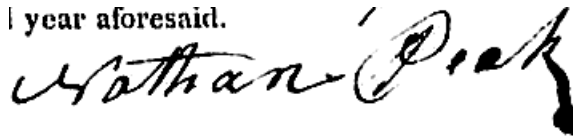
District of Indiana, SS

On this 17th day of October 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the

Switzerland Circuit Court for the said district personally appeared Nathan Peake aged 68 years, resident in Switzerland County, in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Nathan Peake enlisted for the term of three years on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1776 in Frederick County in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Barton Lucas of the Regiment commanded by Col. William Smallwood, in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the War, when he was paroled at Charleston South Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except those enclosed.
Sworn to before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Abner Clarkson

S/ Nathan Peak
1 year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Peak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "N".

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, December 18, 1820

I hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Nathan Peek [sic] enlisted as a Private in the 1st Maryland Regiment, on the 10th day of December 1776 and was on the [roll] 1st November 1780 [listed as] Present

S/ Thos. Karney, A. G. S. Md.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 13, 1818, for service as a Sergeant in the Maryland Continental line.]