

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Hagins (Hagan) S36007

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At District of Columbia, SS

On this first day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appears Francis Hagins aged 64 years, resident in Alexandria 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 Francis Hagins enlisted in Alexandria then in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Fitzgerald in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Weedon; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the year 1780, when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Flatbush [August 22-23, 1776], and White Plains [October 28, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – & that he has lost his discharge and that he believes it is not in existence 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 the depositions of John Taylor and Levi Talbot here with enclosed.

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

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia, to wit,

On the first day of April 1818 before me William Cranch, Chief Judge of the said district, came Francis Hagen [sic], a resident of the same district, and made oath in due form of law that in April 1775 he enlisted for two years, in Captain John Fitzgerald's company in the third Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops and at the expiration of the said two years having served during the same he enlisted in Major William Washington's Corps of light dragoons in which he served three years, and had an Honorable discharge from Colonel Stephen Moylan, which discharge as well as his formal discharge from the two years service he has lost, and does not believe that either of them is in existence. He further made oath that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support.

On the same day came also John Taylor of Fairfax County in Virginia, and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with the above named Francis Hagen before and ever since the revolutionary war; that he knows the said Francis Hagen enlisted in the Army of

the United States in the year 1775, and this deponent was with him in the Army at Fort Washington for some time. This deponent was also with him when he joined Major Washington's Corps of horse as aforesaid and has always understood and believes that he continued to serve in said Corps for several years.

On the same day also came Levi Talbot,¹ a respectable citizen of Alexandria, and made oath also in due form of law that he well recollects to have often seen the said Francis Hagen in service in Major Washington's Corps of horse in the revolutionary Army for many months, and has no doubt that he continued in that service three years.

Whereupon, being satisfied that the said Francis Hagen served in the revolutionary war, as aforesaid, against the common Enemy, I certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had their own to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War.

Given under my hand this first of April 1818

S/ W. Cranch

District of Columbia Alexandria County Sct.

On this 7th day of November 1826 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the District of Columbia and County of Alexandria) Francis Hagan resident in said County, aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820: that he the said Francis Hagan enlisted early in the year 1776 at Hampton in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain John Fitzgerald in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wedon [George Weedon] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment for two years, and served during the year 1776 and 1777 – and upon being discharged at the expiration of his time, he again enlisted at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain George Gray (in the Cavalry) under the command of Major William Washington in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Millan [Stephen Moylan] and served three years the time for which he had enlisted, when he was discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present: That his name has been placed on the pension list: that the number of his pension certificate is 221 and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property – because he had hoped to be able to do without the pension – as he expected to be able to collect some money in suit and which is mentioned in Schedule hereto annexed, but in this he has been entirely disappointed – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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, viz. 1 Lot in the Town of Alexandria 23 feet front & 123 feet deep under a ground rent of \$20.84 and which has for several years and now rents for nothing more than the ground rent. One Negro boy about 15 years old – one Negro girl about 13 years old – one Negro girl about 10 years old a cripple and a charge, And the following debts due to him viz. from Elijah Taylor \$200 Execution returned no property & considered

¹ Probably the same man as [Levi Talbot S36337](#)

desperate – Daniel Dulany \$216 and old claim and in suit – R. C. Mason \$283
S Francis Hagan, X his mark/

Test

S/ Edm: J. Lee, CC

The petitioner is a brick maker by trade, can work now at light jobs in good weather during the summer, but his strength has failed much from advanced age and infirmity, and he cannot do much. He has no family (never having married) or connection that he knows of having survived all the other members of his family, except possibly a brother who removed about twenty years ago to the Western Country, whether he is still alive he does not know, he also was a revolutionary Soldier – That since the 18th of March 1818, I have made no change in my real estate not having owned any except the lot above mentioned. I have sold two Negroes, the proceeds entirely consumed in procuring necessities and paying some small debts due by me – The Court of opinion that the total amount in value of the property of the petitioner exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is \$567.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 1.], 1818, for service as a private in the dragoons in the Virginia Continental line