Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jacobs S36614 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Floyd County Sct.

On the 19 day of October 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the sate [sic, state] aforesaid, personally appeared W. Jacobs aged Sixty-three years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and 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 is a citizen of the state of Kentucky and resident in the County of Clay; that he was enlisted for one year in Winchester in 1776 [in] the state of Virginia on or about the 15 day of January and served in the company commanded by Captain Tho. Berry [Thomas Berry] of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mughlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the 15 day of January 1776 and before he received his discharge from his first enlistment he reenlisted for three years under Captain Abraham Westfall in the same Regiment which time he served out, & was honorably discharged by General D. Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in Frederick County Virginia in the year 1782 – That he is now a cripple and unable to labor in support of a family which he has to maintain and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; & that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge; other than that which is hereto transmitted,

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

Also Roley Jacobs¹ being sworn states that he is the brother of the aforenamed William Jacobs & that he knows that his brother William was enlisted the first time above named and also knows of his second enlistment for three years, and that he served in the same brigade with the deponent & that he was exchanged out of the 8th Virginia Regiment into the same Corps under Morgan in which this deponent was placed & that he afterwards had an Honorable discharge which this deponent has seen granted by General Morgan. That he knows his brother's circumstances and that he is poor indeed and that his estate is not worth over \$100, & that he is decrepit & unable to labor, and his wife is decrepit also – and that he is really in such indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his country.

[Attested October 19, 1818 by Benjamin Mills, Judge. There is no evidence of either the

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¹ Roley (Rolly, Rowley) Jacobs S36617

application being signed by the veteran or the affidavit being signed by the supporting witness.]

Floyd County Kentucky Sct.

William Jacobs a revolutionary Soldier late a private in the Army of the Revolution inscribed upon the pension list Roll of the Kentucky Agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 19th day of October 1818 which pension Certificate was dated 31st May 1819 signed by J L Edwards in the absence and on the half of the Secretary of War (11172) renders the following as a Schedule of his property to wit, One horse \$30, one colt \$10, one cow & calf \$12, 8 hogs, a sow & 7 shoats \$6, opened & skillet at 10/6, one ax \$2 – four delph plates, & four Tin cups, one tin Pan at \$1.50, one bed & furniture \$10. As witness my hand and Seal this 16th of October 1820

I William Jacobs a Citizen of Floyd County 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

S/ William Jacobs

[Attested in Floyd County October 17, 1820

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 19, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

² I do not believe the veteran actually signed the document as the handwriting of the signature appears to me to be identical to the handwriting in the body of the document itself.