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Pension Application of John Stackhouse S38409

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Virginia Towit At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 19 day of may 1818 and 42^d year of the Commonwealth Present Samuel P Moore John Sommerville Benjamin Robinson & Edward B Jackson Gentlemen Justices before the Court aforesaid personally appeared John Stackhouse aged 68 years a resident in this County who being duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to procure the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war” that he the said John Stackhouse enlisted in Capt David Scotts [David Scott, pension application S25425] company Colo John Gibson 13 Regiment of Virginia Regulars on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War in the month of Feby 1777 for 3 years that he continued in the same Corps to the 1 of March 1780 when he was discharged from service at Pittsburg he was not in any Battles, 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 of his said services

Virginia towit At a Court held for the County of Harrison On the 22^d day of June 1820 (being a court of record established by act of the General assembly of the Commonwealth) Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid John Stackhouse aged 70 years resident in Harrison County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in the year 1777 in Col. John Gibsons Regiment Capt. David Scotts Company Virginia line – his Original Declaration was made on the 19th May 1818 – his pension certificate is No 6002 & he (s’d John) also took the following oath viz. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united states on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time Disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 I own one horse value \$30 One Cow & Calf value \$10. 5 hogs value \$7.50. One sow & pigs & one sow & shotes value \$7. one Coffee pot one basin & one tin pan value \$3.

John Stackhouse

and the said John further declares as follows viz “I am by occupation a laborer I have four in family viz myself & wife aged 46 years One Daughter aged 16 years One son aged 14 years I am unable to support myself by labor.”

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Stackhouse a soldier in Capt. Lt. Berrys [George Berry’s] Company of the 9th Virginia Reg’t. who was enlisted to serve the term of three years in the Continental Army and has served out his time as a good and faithfull Soldier and is now entitled to his discharged Accordingly. Given under my hand the first day of March at Fort Pitt 1780 Rich’d Campbell [Richard Campbell] Lt Col

A Copy

of the 9th Virg’a Reg’t

[The following is from [pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#) Some of the online images are illegible and many are incomplete. John Stackhouse’s original petition for a pension from the state was not found.]

John G Jackson of Harrison County is by these presents authoriz'd and empowered to ask demand & receive the pension due me from the state of Virginia, allowed by an act of the last assembly, whose receipt for the same will be valid
witness my hand & seal at Harrison county aforesaid this 20th day of October 1818
\$50 for ½ yr to 2[?] Sept



[The file includes many powers of attorney similar to the above. The last was signed on 15 Oct 1827 by Mary Stackhouse as administrator of the estate of John Stackhouse, authorizing receipt of the final pension payment up to the date of his death, which appears to have occurred on or about 21 June 1827.]

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia Harrison Co. to wit.

The petition of John and Nancy Stackhouse Heirs at law in fee of John Stackhouse deceased, late a soldier of the Revolutionary army of the United Sates as appears from an act of the general assembly pass'd February 25th 1818 and also from his Decleration to the War Department, in order to obtain a pension. And we, the Heirs do certify that we never received any Bounty Land for the services of the said John Stackhouse deceased, as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and that we believe he never did receive any Land Warrant for Military Bounty Lands nor do we believe he ever sold or transfered his Claim to Bounty Land in any way whatever.

John Stackhouse jr.

Nancy herXmark Stackhouse

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of November 1834, before me, Jacob Coplin a Justice [of the pea]ce, in, and for the County of Harrison in the State of Virginia.

Jacob Coplin JP

State of Virginia Harrison County to wit.

Be it known that on the seventh day of April 1835, personally appeared Christopher Nutter [pension application W5434] in the seventy sixth year of his age, before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, and made oath that he was well acquainted with John Stackhouse late of Harrison County deceased, in the Revolutionary War, and that he knows that said John Stackhouse was an ablebodied free man, well acquainted with military exercise, and that he knows that said John Stackhouse did equip himself with a good rifle Gun, Blanket, Clothes &c; and volunteered himself in a company of volunteers commanded by Capt George Jackson, in the latter part of May or the first of June seventeen hundred and eighty one, where Clarksburg now stands and marched from thence, and joined the Regiment command'd by Gen. George Rogers Clark, for the protection of the country of Illinois, and that he knows the said John Stackhouse was in the Boat with Major Cracraft, and was captured by the Indians, as they decended the Ohio River, and he knows that said John Stackhouse was kept by them in captivity, nearly three years, and, consequently, until after the reduction of the enemy's posts in Illinois "suffering all the deprivations incident to captives Savages,; and further this states not

[signed] Christopher Nutter

the above was read by me to Christopher Nutter, & subscribed to in my presence and the said Nutter, made oath before me that the above contains the truth

April 7th 1835

Chas Lewis JP

State of Virginia Harrison County to wit.

Be it know that on this day personally apeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid, William Powers Esq [S18164] in the seventieth year of his age, a residece of Louis county [sic: Lewis County] and state aforesaid, and made oath that he has been acquainted with Mr.

Christopher Nutter for more than fifty years, and he believes that he is a man of truth and respectibility



State of Virginia Harrison County to wit

Be it known that on this day, personally appeared, before the Subscriber a justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid, William Power Esq. in the seventieth year of his age, and made oath that John Stackhouse late of Harrison County deceased, resided at his father's house in the Spring of seventeen hundred and eighty one; and that he knows that said John Stackhouse was an ablebodied free man, well acquainted with military exercise, and that said John Stackhouse went in a scout with Col. Lowther [William Lowther VAS32], & and defeated a party of Indians. After which said John Stackhouse equipped himself with a good rifle Gun, Blanket, Clothing &c, and volunteered himself in Capt George Jackson's Company, where Clarksburg now stands; at the latter last of May or the first of June, in the year aforesaid. And to the best of his recollection not positive said Stackhouse was a Sergeant. From thence they marched to join the Regiment commanded by Gen. George Rogers Clark for the protection of the country of Illinois, and agreeably to the reports of those who returned, said John Stackhouse was captured by the indians, and kept in captivity nearly three year, and he believes that said John Stackhouse was a man of truth, and respectability.

I do hereby Certify that the above was sworn to before me
this 8th March 1835

John Cather J.P.



I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John Stackhouse late of Harrison County deceased, in the year 1777 or 78 at Pittsburg, and to the best of my knowledge he belonged to Capt David Scott's company. Col. John Gibsons Regiment upon continental establishment, and I believe that he was a man of truth and honesty.

I am sixty six, Nicholas Carpenter



Subscribed and sworn to before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county of Harrison State of Virginia on the 4th Day of March 1835

Chas Lewis JP

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Harrison County. The documents are very faded.]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Virginia now sitting. The petition of John Stackhouse and Nancy Stackhouse heir and heiress at law of John Stackhouse deceased, for Land Bounty for the services of the said John Stackhouse, late a soldier of the revolutionary Army, beg leave to represent to your Honorable Body; that their father John Stackhouse deceased, a native of the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia did enlist in the month of February Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy seven for three years in Capt David Scott's Company in the thirteenth Regiment of Virginia Regulars, commanded by Col John Gibson and after being duly discharged again volunteered his services under Gen. Clark, in which tour he was captured by the Indians and held by them in captivity for more than two years and two months, enduring not only the hardships and deprivations incident to captivity but thee pains and sufferings peculiar to captives among savages, having his feet severely frost biten. on is return from Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] to Fort Pitt & being so engaged in the service of the state of Virginia that it so appears from the records of the Commissioners for adjusting the bounds of unpatented Lands in the District of West Augusta in the Counties of Yohogany Monongalia [sic: Yohogania and Monogalia] and Ohio that the said John Stackhouse or some friend of his did obtain

a Certificate for a Settlement right of four hundred acres of land, and a Preemption of four hundred acres adjoining thereto in the County of Monongalia on the waters of Booth's creek now in the present County of Harrison which was lost by the Act of Limitation, whilst he was in Captivity with the Indians and your petitioners, have often heard their father say, that when he returned from Captivity, all the good Lands were disposed of by the State of Virginia, and from these and other reasons common to the Human Family he was not able to provide or lay up any thing for his Children, which appears from his own words when he applied for a pension.

“and he [undeciphered word] inflicted by the Savages now press heavily upon me, and start in the last stages of life that assistance which better health refused to ask or a soldier's pride deigned to have allowed which can be seen in the act of the twenty fifth of February [one or two undeciphered words] eighteen hundred and eighteen and your petitioners are [undeciphered word] whilst the government in fact is [two illegible words], your petitioners relying on the justness of their Claim and the wisdom of your Honourable Body hope and believe that you will not only give the Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia, but will also give the Bounty in money, which She promised her soldiers who would volunteer among the forces ordered for the protection and defence of the Country of Illinois, which can be found in the Act of Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy nine Sec Three [undeciphered] Vol 10 [several undeciphered words] and in so doing your humble petitioners will ever pray.

John Stackhouse Nancy herXmark Stackhouse

We the Commiss's for adjusting the claims to unpatented Lands in the Counties of Monongalia Yohogania & Ohio do hereby certify that John Stackhouse is Intitled to four hundred Acres of Land in Monongalia County on the head waters of Boothes Creek adjoining Lands claimed by the heir of David Edmonds to include his Settle't. made thereon in the year 1775 with a Preemption of four hundred Acres adjoining thereto

Given under our hands at Clarksburg this 6th day of April in the 5th year of the Commonwealth.

Test/ Wm McClery Clk Com. John I Duvall James Neal Will'm. Haymond

A Copy of the original/ Jno. Haymond S.H.C/ 17th Novem'r. 1835

State of Ohio Washington County to wit

Be it known that on the 19th day of Oct Anno Domini 1835 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Isaac Stackhouse a native of the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia resident of Washington County Ohio in the eighty fourth year of his age and made oath that his Brother John Stackhouse a native of the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia did enlist in Capt. David Scotts Company upon Continental Establishment and after being duly discharged and returning to Harrison County Va said John Stackhouse went as a scout with Col. Lowther and pursued a party of Indians and defeated them

Again returned, and he believes said John Stackhouse did equip himself and volunteer in Capt George Jackson's Company where Clarksburg now stands and joined the Regiment Commanded by Gen George Rogers Clark for the protection of the County of Illinois, and he knows that said John Stackhouse was gone in the service mostly three years and probably a few months over During which time he believes that said John Stackhouse was captured by the Indians and kept by them in captivity nearly three years and he knows that he did not return until some time Anno Domini 1784 and further he cannot state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Isaac hisXmark Stackhouse

George Templeton/ Justice of the peace

Clarksburg Harrison Co. Nov 23st 1835

Sir [William A Harrison Esq, Member of the House of Delegates]:

I am not acquainted with the forms of law and etiquette, but beg leave to represent to you the knowledge which I have of the justness of Mr Stackhouse's claim.

I heard his father, some thirty five or forty years since, say; that he served three years in Capt David

Scott's company Col. John Gibson's Regiment, and after being discharged, and returning to this country, he resided at Wm Powers' father's until the spring or 1781, when the Commissioners sat at Clarksburg for adjusting the Claims to unpatented lands in the Counties of Yohogany, Monongalia and Ohio, he obtained a Certificate for a settlement right of four hundred acres of good land adjoining lands claimed by the heirs of David Edwards, and a Preemption of four hundred acres adjoining thereto, on the waters of Booth's Creek. There were six men from Cheat, who claimed lands in the County of Monongalia, and upon their return, three of them were killed by the Indians upon the Tiger's valley River [sic: Tygart Valley River], and the other three returned to Clarksburg, and gave information of that fact. Seventeen men volunteered to pursue them, among whom was John Stackhouse; they came upon their trail at the mouth of Isaac's Creek, pursued them to Indian Creek, a branch of Hughes' river [sic: Hughes River], and there defeated them. Whence the name of Indian Creek.

After returning to Clarksburg he equipped himself, and volunteered, or reenlisted in Capt. George Jackson's company Regiment commanded by Gen. Clark in which tour he was captured by the Indians, and kept by them in captivity nearly three years. When he was captured, he had a gun which he had taken from the Indians, and he requested Simon and Geo. Girty [Simon Girty, noted Indian trader and ally, and George Girty] to tell them, that he had got it over the mountain, and Deckard [declared?] could make guns very much alike, which story they put some faith in, and, therefore, did not burn him, but the Indian to whom he belonged treated him with savage barbarity, he struck him once across the forehead with an iron ramrod which fractured it some. At another time, he struck him across the back, or side, and broke three ribs near the articulation, and when he returned from captivity his lands were lost by the act of limitation, and he never did receive any bounty whatever for his services, and in fact did not know there was any allowed him by Government.

From these and other reasons common to humanity he was not able to accumulate wealth; or lay up any thing for his widow and orphans, which can be seen in his own words when he applied for a pension. It appears from a letter which Mr Stackhouse received some time since; that it appears from the book of the land office that John Stackhouse received his Land Bounty the 4th of Nov. 1784 for three years service in the Continental line." I presume that his father never did receive it, or I should have heard something of it. Mr. Stackhouse received a letter from the Department of War which will show that there has been no such warrant entered in that Department. Mr Stackhouse informed me that he had given his papers to Mr Harrison and requested him to call at the Executive Department & get the Depositions of Christopher Nutter and Wm. Powers. I hope you may succeed in his case, because I think Mr. Stackhouse is justly entitled to his father's bounty in lands and moneys, and it would not be more than justice, that the state should give his heirs a land warrant, for the lands, which he lost by the act of limitation. There are plenty of land in the west. I think Mr. Stackhouse is a clever young man, and ought to have assistance. Mr. Stackhouse gives his respects to Wm. H. Richardson, Esq. Secretary of Council, for his politeness and goodness in answering his letters. If the Legislature will not allow Mr. Stackhouse's claim, will you be so good as to present his papers to John G. Mosby, and advise with him, if it can be obtained through the courts of Law, and for what percent he would undertake to obtain it.

Your obed Servt/ Walter Earitt

Executive Department/ December 26 1835

It appears by the records of this department, that a claim of John and Nancy Stackhouse, heirs of Jno Stackhouse dec'd for Land Bounty supposed to be due to the said Jno Stackhouse as a Soldier of the Revolution has been examined by the Governor, and rejected Wm H Richardson Sec'y Com'r.