

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Jacobs S38865

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Virginia Ss

At a County Court held for Tyler County on the 11th day of May in the year 1818 David Jacobs of the said County appeared before the said Court and being then & there duly sworn according to law declares and says that he is an Inhabitant of said County & a native of the State of Pennsylvania aged about Fifty nine years that he enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States in the Spring of the year 1777 under Capt James Black in the Independent York Regiment [one of the 16 Additional Continental Regiments] commanded by Col Malcom [sic: William Malcolm] in the Brigade of Gen'l Connaway [sic: Thomas Conway] which Regim't was afterwards [22 Apr 1779] united with Col Spencers [Oliver Spencer's] Reg't & commanded by Col. Spencer when he said Jacobs was put under the command of Capt. John Orr. the s'd Regim't. in Gen'l. Maxfields [sic: William Maxwell's] Brigade moved up the Susquehanah [sic: Susquehanna] River & from thence to the Scoch plains [sic: Scotch Plains] in New Jersey where they went into Winter quarters seven miles from Morristown that he said Jacobs was under the command of Maj'r Thos Boyles [Thomas Boyles BLWt338-400] at Paromus Mills [sic: Paramus Mills] in s'd State where he s'd Jacobs was taken prisoner and detained in New York about nine months he was then exchanged & joined his Reg't at Stony Point at this place the s'd Reg't. was deranged & every one ordered to join his State troops S'd Jacobs being a native of Pennsylvania was put into the Company of Capt Walter Finney in Col Richard Hamptons [sic: Richard Humpton's] Regiment being the 3rd Pennsylvania in Gen'l. Wayns [sic: Anthony Wayne's] Brigade. after the Battle of the Green Springs in Virginia [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. Three Regiments were put into two the said Jacobs was in the 2nd Pennsylvania Reg't. commanded by Col Walter Stewart & Gen'l. Wayns Brigade – was at the capture of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] & was discharged in Philadelphia in the year 1783 where he sold his discharge & arrears of pay to enable him to get to his home – that while in the service he lost the sight of one eye & since is loosing his other eye. that he was wounded with a bayonet in his thigh at the Battle of Monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] in New Jersey. that he is not able to support himself by labor & that he has not an Estate sufficient to support him without labor – he there fore prays for relief under the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & navel service of the united States in the revolutionary war

Virginia (viz)

At a Court continued & held for Monongalia County on the 28th day of April in the year 1818 Henry Williams [pension application W18353] of the s'd County appeared before the s'd Court & then & there being duly sworn according to law deposes and says “that in the Spring of 1779 Col. Malcoms Regiment was put into the Regiment of Col Spencer where this affiant then served as a Soldier in the Army of the United States at this time he became acquainted with David Jacobs now of Tyler County who was then under the Command of Capt John Orr of s'd Spencers Regim't and from that time for more than two years this Affiant knows that the s'd David Jacobs served as a Soldier of the United States Army this Affiant is the same Henry Williams who is on the pension list”

Virginia Tyler County Ss

David Jacobs on this 10th day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Tyler who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (viz) That he Enlisted as a soldier in the army of the United States in the Spring of the year 1777 under Capt. James Black in the Independent York Regiment Commanded by Col Malcom in the Brigade of General Connaway which Reg't. was afterwards united with Col Spencers Reg't & commanded by Col Spencer, when he said Jacobs was put under the command

of Capt John Orr. The said Reg't in General Maxfields Brigade moved up the Susquehanah river & from thence to the Scotch plains in New jersey where they went into winter quarters seven miles from Morris Town. That he said Jacobs, was under the command of Major Thomas Boyles at Paramus's mills in said State where he said Jacobs was taken prisoner and detained in New York about nine months, he was then exchanged, & joined his Reg't at Stoney Point – at this place the said Reg't. was deranged and everyone ordered to join his state troops, said Jacobs being a native of Pennsylvania was put into the Company of Capt. Walter Finney in Col Hamptons Reg't. being the 3rd Pennsylvania Reg't. in General Waynes Brigade. after the battle of the Green Springs in Virginia three Regiments were put into two. The said Jacobs was in the 2nd Pennsylvania Reg't commanded by Col Walter Stewart in Gen'l. Waynes Brigade & that he was at the Capture of Cornwallace & was discharged in Philadelphia in the year 1783 where he sold his discharge & arrears of pay to enable him to get to his home That while in the service he lost the sight of one Eye & since is fast loosing the sight of the other, that he was wounded with a bayonet in the thigh at the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey. That he made application for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 18th March 1818 the 11th May 1818 & that the pension certificate granted him is numbered Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred & three.

And I David Jacobs 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 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 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 & is as followeth, towit, One Horse 13 years old, one colt 3 years old, two cows & calves, a few hogs the number at present not recollected, one Ewe & lamb two ten gallon kettles one stew kettle, one plough, one Harrow & one peice of log chain June 10th 1820 David hisXmark Jacobs

And I further swear that I am by occupation a farmer & that I am unable to pursue it & that I have the following family together with their respective ages annexed towit My wife Elizabeth aged thirty one years in October last, one son named Jacob aged nine years the 17th May last One other son named John, six years old the 22nd November last, & one daughter named Prudence born the 29th day of May last & that they are not able to support themselves. Sworn to & declared in open Court as aforesaid this 10th day of July 1820. [Court valued property at \$77.]

NOTE: On 1 March 1836 Elizabeth Jacobs certified that her husband, David Jacobs, had lived in Tyler County (West) Virginia for 19 years before his death on 18 March 1835, and that he had lived in Harrison County (West) Virginia before then.