

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Harbaugh S39663

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County of Fayette Pennsylvania SS

On this 20th day of October 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said district personally appeared Jacob Harbaugh aged 84 years, resident in said County in 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 Jacob Harbaugh enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on the __ day of April in the year 1781 he thinks in Pittsburgh in the State of Virginia [sic] at that time in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Harrison in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the state of Virginia 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 his time when he was discharged from service in Pittsburgh State of Virginia at that time, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & others and that he was at the building of Fort Mackintosh [Fort McIntosh] and his pay master's name was Robert Beall & Hagerty P. M. 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 in his power of his said services.

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

S/ James Finley

S/ Jacob Harbaugh, X his Mark

[James Finley added to his attestation the following: "and that I have long known him to be a poor, destitute, distressed old man scarcely sane."]

Schedule

Fourteenth Judicial district

Pennsylvania County of Fayette: SS

On this 5th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said district Jacob Harbaugh aged 85 years resident in said County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows to wit, that he enlisted in April 1781 (to the best of his believes) at Pittsburgh (Virginia: at that time) for 18 months in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Harrison of Colonel John Gibson's Regiment in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he was in some skirmishes with the Indians and was at and helped to build Fort McIntosh and that the date of his

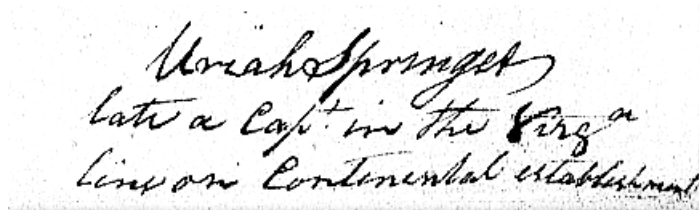
original declaration is 20 October 1819 and that [he] served out the time he enlisted for and was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh aforesaid. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or 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 to wit: That he occasionally lives with his wife and daughter but has no property and is principally supported by private contribution. My occupation was a laborer but am totally unable to follow it and that my wife's name is Leweza aged 72 and I have a daughter and 2 small grandchildren living with me and we live on a lot owned by John Miller.

S/ Jacob Harbaugh, X his mark

Connellsville Fayette County Pennsylvania June 12th, 1821

I Certify that I knew Jacob Harbaugh to be a Soldier of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, and that I knew him as such at least one year, and that he in a Company then commanded by Captain Benjamin Harrison of the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson at Fort Pitt. I was a Captain in the Regiment, and sometimes commanded in the colonels absence being then the senior Officer – I also certify that the undersigned John Harbaugh is the person who is now applying for a pension and that he is a poor helpless old man, in extreme indigents.

S/ Uriah Springer¹
Late a Captain in the Virginia
line on Continental establishment



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[Facts in file: veteran died January 4, 1826, place not stated; except for the statement contained in his 1820 schedule, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 20, 1819, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Uriah Springer R10017](#)