

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Starkey S40525

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### Original Claim

Virginia County of Shenandoah: SS

On this 13th day of November 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Joseph Starkey resident in said County aged 58 years who being 1st 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 1st May 1820, That he the said Joseph Starkey was hired as a substitute for the Term of 18 months on the \_\_\_ day of September in the year 1780 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Duet [?]<sup>1</sup> in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in January 1782 when he was discharged from the said service in solitary in the state of North Carolina. That he was in the battles of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], taken prisoner at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781], retaken at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit here with forwarded and a Joint Certificate with my Brother from gentleman in Linden Va.,

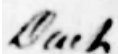
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. I have no property real or personal. I have no trade but work day labor for my living. I have no family except two daughters one 23 or 24 years old the other 16 whom I have to take care of. I have about \$70 owing to me.

S/ Joseph Starkey

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the 13th day of November 1822

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as Duet and in a letter summarizing the contents of the file refers to this officer as "Captain Robert Duet." I could find no such officer listed among those who served in the Virginia Continental service.



We whose names are underwritten do hereby Certify that for forty years and upwards, whe [sic, we] have known the Bearers of this Joseph and Isaac Starkey and are free to say that as far as it has come to our knowledge they have always supported the Character of honest, good & inoffensive men, and that we have understood & have every reason to believe they served as Soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Given under our hands the 8th day of October 1822

S/ Ben Grayson

S/ Abner Humphrey

S/ Joshua Ford

S/ Robert Russell

S/ Anthony Swich

S/ Wm Bronough

S/ John Worstachl [?]

Virginia Frederick County to wit:

On this 22nd day of September 1825, before me, the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Frederick personally appeared Joseph Starkey, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Robert Dewitt [?]<sup>2</sup> in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia from which he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Ohio where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future.

S/ Joseph Starkey



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 13, 1822, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> *Robert Dewitt*

†I could find no record of a Captain Robert Dewitt or Dewalt etc. in the Virginia Continental line.