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Pension Application of John Verner S40619

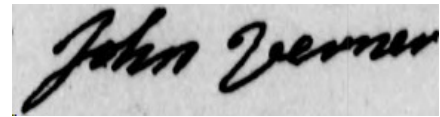
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State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County Ss [28 May 1818]

Personally came before the subscriber President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial district of the State aforesaid John Verner of Salem in the County of Luzerne who being duly sworn did depose and declare that he enlisted at Easton in the year 1781 and was in the Company of Capt [John] Doyle in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsy'a. Reg't. Commanded by Col. Harmer [sic: Josiah Harmar, pension application W3246] and served until one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three when he was discredited [sic] as by his discharge herewith forwarded fully appears that he has never received a pension from the United States and from his reduced circumstances he needs the Assistance of his Country for support.



THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof John Verner Soldier in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania regiment, having faithfully [sic] served the United States from January 27 81 [?] to the present date and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1783

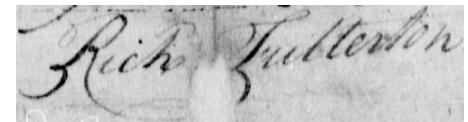
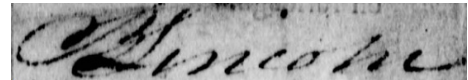
By order of the secretary at war,

[Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

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Registered in the books of the regiment,

[Richard Fullerton] adjutant.



[other side] War office, August 13<sup>th</sup> 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the bearer as a discharge, until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.

B. LINCOLN.

District of Pennsylvania Ss.

On this Eighth day of August AD Eighteen Hundred & Twenty personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas holden, in Wilkes Barre for the County of Luzerne being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of the common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, John Verner, aged Sixty three, resident in Luzerne County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the Eighteenth of March Eighteen Hundred & Eighteen, & first of May Eighteen Hundred & twenty. That he served in the Revolutionary War, in the Company of Captain Doyle in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harmer in the line of the State of Pennsylvania, and has obtained a pension under the act of the Eighteenth of March Eighteen Hundred & Eighteen his certificate being numbered Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and seventy seven (8877) and pay commencing on the twenty eighth of May Eighteen Hundred Eighteen. And 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 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 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.

John Verner

Schedule of Property

I have besides necessary clothing & bedding

Three cows at Ten dolls each \$30.00 – Two Heifers six Sheep 17.00 Three iron pots one old iron kettle 4.00 – One dozen cups & saucers 0.75 Half dozen puter plates, one dozen knives & forks 1.00 – Six swine Two Horses 62.00 One poplar table half dozen chairs 1.00 – One Hundred acres of Land for which I gave three dollars per Acre 1200.00 There is a mortgage upon the land for one Hundred & Fifty dollars of the purchase money total \$1315.75

The following debts are due to me but it is doubtfull whether they are recoverable

One debt of Ten dollars, one debt of Two dollars & one other debt of Five dollars

I am indebted in the following sums One debt of One Hundred dollars, one debt of One Hundred & twenty dollars One debt of One Hundred & forty dollars One debt of about ten dollars due the Blacksmith One debt of Five dollars

I have no trade and by reasons of age & infirmities am not able to do much work of any kind. I have no family residing with me but my wife Mary aged sixty years weakly & infirm and two children – one a girl aged Ten years named Sarah & a boy aged Eighteen years named William

John Verner

[Pensions under the act of 1818 were stopped for those who declared property worth more than \$200.]

State of Pennsylvania }  
Luzerne County Ss }

On this third day of August, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty three personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, towit, the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Luzerne, and State aforesaid, John Verner, resident in the said County of Luzerne and State aforesaid, aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said John Verner enlisted in the Revolutionary War for the term during the War, in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Doyle in the first Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel Harmer, in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve several years, and until the establishment of Peace in 1783, when he was discharged from the service in or near the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, as his former declaration will make appear; that his name has been placed on the Pension List, and erased therefrom on account of his property [oath similar to that in the preceding application follows]

John Verner

Schedule of the Property of within named John Verner.

One ten acre Lot of land, in Salem township Luzerne County aforesaid, including a small Improvement, and a small log Cabbin, valued at \$100.00

Two Cows, valued at 16.00

Two Sheep, valued at 2.—

Two Hogs valued at 3.—

One Table, valued at .50

One ½ dozen of knives and forks, valued at .67

Two Iron Pots, valued at 2.00

One half dozen of Cups & Saucers valued at .50

One Scythe, valued at .50

Two Weeding Hoes, valued at .50

\$125.67

That since the exhibition of my first Schedule, the following changes have been made in my property, towit:

Ninety acres of land, valued at —

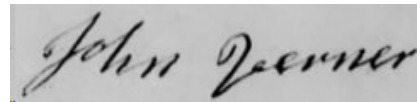
Sold last year in Autumn of 1822, to pay the Debts mentioned in last statement

Two Horses, valued at

My family consists at present, of my Wife, aged sixty three years, and one daughter aged fifteen years, and myself, and we all live with my son George. (Signed) John Verner

[On 30 April 1828 John Verner made the following statement in support of the pension application of Fredrick Schaeckler S40415:]

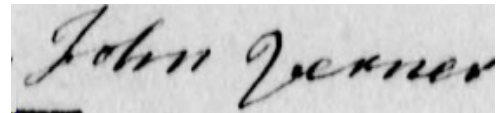
John Werner Being duly sworn according to law says That he is aged seventy two years and a resident of Luzerne County in this Commonwealth. That he is well acquainted with Frederick Sheckler the applicant & that he and the said Frederick served together as privates in Captain Claypoles company, in the third regiment, commanded by Col. Craig, of the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment. That in the year 1781 we marched together to Yorktown in Virginia and from thence to South Carolina – after we had been some time there, the third regiment was reduced, and the men distributed amongst the other regiments. This deponent was transfered to the first regiment and Frederick Sheckler to the second, commanded at that time by Majors Edwards & Hamilton, and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Stadsbury or Stansbury – we remained in South Carolina until the winter of 1782 when the term of service, for which the said Frederick had enlisted, was about to expire and he returned to Pennsylvania – but this Deponent having enlisted for a longer period did not return at this time.



For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution,” approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, John Verner of Salem in the county of Luzerne in the State of Pennsylvania do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a Private in Captain Doyle’s Company, in the First Regiment, of the Pennsylvania Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year 1828.



NOTE: A letter from the Pension Office dated 16 June 1847 refers to the widow of John Verner, whose pension was paid up to 4 September 1846, suggesting that he died within six months after that date.