

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Grove S41591

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The Deposition of Jonas Grove of the County of Jefferson and State of Ohio –

Sheweth – This Deponent entered the service of his country at the time the British Army occupied the City of Philadelphia, the spring of the year 1778, as a Volunteer in the Company of Captain Mathias Ambrose in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pendleton in the Virginia Line. In this Regiment he remained three months when his time having expired he enlisted in the Company of Captain John Stead [John Steed] in the 4th Regiment in the Virginia Line commanded by Colonel Neville [John Neville]. In this Company, Regiment and Line he remained one year when his Term of service having expired he was honorably discharged at Middlebrook in New Jersey – This discharged the did deponent kept about a year and then gave it to Moses Hunter of Martinsburg Virginia for the purpose of drawing some arrearages of pay, that were then due him – Mister Hunter has since died and it is impossible for this Deponent to get said discharge – He further says that from his reduced and necessitous circumstances in Life it is impossible for him to support himself, that he needs the assistance of the United States from whom he has never received any pension or compensation in lieu thereof for all these services.

S/ Jonas Grove, X his mark

State of Ohio Sgt. Agreeably to note of War Department made on back of envelope to application of Jonas Grove dated the first of May A.D. 1818 (revolutionary Soldier) taken before the Honorable Benjamin Teppan President of the fifth Circuit of the Courts of Common Pleas State of Ohio authenticated under the seal of Jefferson County, came John Froshour aged sixty-three years resident of Ross County State of Ohio who after being duly sworn according to law before me President of the Courts of Common Pleas of the Second Circuit in said State (as a proof of service performed by said Jonas Grove in Colonel Neville's Regiment) deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the said applicant Jonas Grove and served in same Company with him during the revolutionary Struggle commanded by John Stead of said Colonel Neville's Regiment, the year General Howe went out of Philadelphia, and that Jonas Grove now present who presented the papers certified by said Judge of fifth Circuit, as above stated and which is here attached is the same Jonas Grove enrolled with this deponent, and served with him during one year the term of enlistment, and of these facts he feels no doubt and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Froshour



Sworn to & subscribed before me the 2nd day of June A.D. 1819
S/ John Thompson

State of Ohio Jefferson County SS Court of Common Pleas
In the matter of Joseph Groves [sic] a Revolutionary Pensioner

Be it remembered that at the August Term of this court in the year of our Lord 1820 Jonas Groves a Revolutionary Pensioner came into Court & makes a declaration of his services &c in the words & figures following, to wit –

On the 21st day of August A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Jonas Groves, aged 75 years, resident in Knox Township in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz. The said Jonas Groves in the spring of the year 1778 at the Warm Springs Barclay County [Berkeley County] in Virginia Enlisted as a private in Captain John Steed's Company in Colonel Neville's Regiment, the 4th of the Virginia Line for the term of one year, he joined the main Army at Valley Forge: At the time of the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] was sick, served the term of one year when he was discharged at Bon Brook [Boundbrook] by Major Croghan & Captain Steed, During the Term of his service he was also with the Army at West Point. He has received a pension certificate from Government, the number of which is 12689. The date of the original Declaration was the first day of May 1818. 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 viz.

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| One horse | \$25 | Brot. Forward | \$53.37 ½ |
| 1 Cow | 15 | One Table | .50 |
| 3 Sheep | 6 | 2 Chairs | .62 ½ |
| 4 Hogs | 7 | 5 knives & 5 forks | <u>.50</u> |
| 4 Cups & Saucers | <u>.37 ½</u> | | \$55.00 |
| Carried forward | \$53.37 ½ | | |

The Declarant lives in a house for which he pays nothing, has a wife & daughter living with him, the former aged 72 the latter aged 20 who works out to keep herself. The occupation of the Declarant has been that of a Butcher at which trade he is now wholly unable to work: he now sometimes earns 6 ¼ or 12 ½ cents per day for making bread baskets but from an inuption [sic] in his bowels is unable to do anything else to support himself: his wife is not able to work

S/ Jonas Grove

[Facts in file: the veteran died March 31, 1823 survived by his widow who was still living in 1841; his widow never applied for the pension due her.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 1, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]