

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Knight S5660

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Harrison County }

On this 23^d day of August 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the county court of Harrison County, now sitting, Peter Knight a resident in the County of Harrison and State of Virginia aged Seventy Two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated

When he first went into the army he belonged to the state troops of Virginia, under the command of Capt. William Phillips [Stafford County Militia], but does not recollect the year, No. of Regiment, nor length of time he was in the army he next was called into the service under the command of Captain William Harden, and attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col. William Philips - that he served under Capt. Harden and Col. Philips at different times and for different periods - but cannot now recollect how many, nor how long at any one time - but from Twenty to fifty days - he does not remember the year, but well recollects that he was call'd into service under the command of Capt. Ballard, Major Southall, and Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens, about three months previous to the surrender of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], and remained in the army for some months and was present when Corn Wallis did surrender - and afterwards was frequently called out to guard the Potomac River - That he served more than six months altogether, but how much longer cannot say. he was born on the 5th day of April 1760 in the County of Stafford and State of Virginia - that - that he returned to Stafford County after the close of the War and remained there till the year — when he moved to Harrison County Va. where he has lived ever since. When he was in the service, that he marched through Fredericksburg Williamsburg &c to York Town, that he received a discharge which he has lost. that he has no documentary evidence but believes that John Latham [pension application S8811] and Christopher Knight [R6023] who are yet living can testify to his services. That he is known by Waldo P Goff, Col. Joseph Johnson, Col. Matthias Winters, Jeddiah Waldo and many others residents of Harrison County Virginia — he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Peter Knight

Personally appeared in open court before the justices of Harrison County court now siting John Latham and after being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he resides in Harrison County and is well acquainted with Peter Knight who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that he has known him for about fifty seven years - that he served with said Knight in the revolutionary war and was with him at the siege of York Town at the time of the surrender of Corn Wallis and that he believes him to be a man of Truth. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid —

[signed] John Latham

Personally appeared in open Court before the justices of Harrison County now siting Christopher Knight after being duly sworn according to law doth depose and saith that he resides in Harrison County and has been acquainted with Peter Knight who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration for Seventy Two years. that he knew him when he was a soldier in the revolutionary war - and that he knows he was in the army several times. and that he said Christopher was was in the army with him one tour and that he believes the declaration made by the aforesaid Peter Knight to be true —

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Christopher Knight

[Nathan Goff, subject of the following letter, prepared Knight's pension application.]

Clarksburg Aug't. 24th 1832

Sir - Mr. N. Goff who states to me that he has some agency for Pensioners, desires from me a letter to you, in conformity with a rule of your Dept.

Mr. Goff is a gentleman of worth & integrity, resides in this place, and is a Depty Marshal of the US for this District.

I have the honour to be Sir to be Sir Yr. Obt. Ser't

Wm A Harrison Dist Atty W[estern] Va

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Knight's pension of \$20 per year indicates that he was credited for only six month's service.]

Peter Knight draws \$20

John Latham, saw Peter Knight at York town at the Surrender of Cornwallis - Cant say how long he was in service.

Anderson Corbin [W6739] was at Little York at the Surrender of Cornwallis - he has had frequent conversation with Knight in reference to that engagement. Knight mentioned in their conversation many incidents which were evidence of his having been there -

Saw Mr. Knight July 18 1834. he states that he was in his 75 years of age and came from Stafford County. - he detailed his services as a soldier in the war of the Rev. with great minuteness - it being somewhat lengthy and having proof of his services, I considered it but a wast of time to take it down in writing - I am fully satisfied that he is entitled to all he draws at least - his declaration was written by Nathan Goff, that of its self would have satisfied me without inquiry -

W. G Singleton Nov. 19, 1834