

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Winckleblack (Squire) S6389

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Monroe County }

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe now sitting Henry Winckleblack (known in the Army of the Revolution by the name of Henry Squire) a resident of the County of Monroe and state of Virginia aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make and subscribe the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1778 or 1779 [see note below] in the month of December of one of three years [sic] Henry Winckleblack (then called Henry Squire) entered the Army as a substitute in the place of a man whose name he does not now recollect; it was at Fort St. Larence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River in OH, constructed Sep 1778] he substituted and for the space of nine months. While at Fort St. Larence he was under the command of Captain Uriah Springer whose company was attached to a regiment under the command of Col John Gibson, and the General commanding the Fort at that time was General [Lachlan] McIntosh. He was marched from Fort St. Laurence under the Command of Col. John Gibson to Fort Pitt where he was again put under the command of Capt. Uriah Spring. After remaining at Fort Pitt a month or upwards he was marched he was march to Fort McIntosh situated on the Ohio River [at present Beaver PA], where he continued until the nine months for which he substituted expired. Here he again substituted in the room of a man whose name he has forgotten for nine months more. He remained at Fort McIntosh sometime, when he was taken down the Ohio River in a boat to Fort Wheeling under the command of Capt. Beck where he was stationed until the latter part of the winter of 1779 or 1780; he was then taken back to Fort Pitt placed under the command of Capt. Clark. At Fort Pitt he continued only about one month from which place he was taken, by water to Fort McIntosh where he remained until the following spring about the latter part of which he was discharged the second time for which he substituted having expired. while he was stationed at Fort McIntosh, he was sent out with fifteen or twenty others on a scouting party; while out on this party they were attacked by about forty Indians and succeeded in killing a great many of them. This scouting party was under the command of Lieut. Harris. While at Fort Pitt he was sent out on a campaign under the command of Col Gibson and Crawford. During this campaign, the advanced guard was attacked by a large body of Indians, and after a short engagement in which they killed ten of the Indians they succeeded in defeating and driving them from the field. Previous to his entering the army he lived in the county of Greenbrier, that part which is now called Monroe, and was employed by James Byrnside to pack articles of merchandise to Fort St. Laurence. it was in one of those trips to Fort St. Laurence that he substituted as above stated. At the end of the last nine months for which he substituted he received a written discharge, which he has since lost; whether he received a written discharge at the expiration of the first nine months he cannot now recollect. He also states he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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.

Henry hisXmark Winckleblack

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On this 2d day of April 1833 personally appeared before me James Handly a justice of the peace for Monroe County and State of Virginia Henry Winckleblack alias Henry Esquire or Squire and made oath, that he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six in the month of September, that he has no record of his

age. That he knew Col. John Gibson, Capt. Uriah Springer, and Capt. Abram Morgan who were regular officers in the Army of the revolution. He is known in his present neighborhood to Robert Campbell, John Lynch and Samuel Sams [pension application S6049] who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

[On the same page as the preceding:]

Henry Winckleblack alias Henry Esquire or Squire's name will be found on the Roll of a Company commanded by Capt Uriah Springer who was attached to the 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania militia Commanded by Col John Gibson, or [paragraph ends here]

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

Henry Winkleblack - (18 mo. Capt Springer Col. Gibson)

I the undersigned Henry Winkleblack make the following re-declaration of my services as a soldier in the war of the Revo. to Wit. I shall be 80 yrs. old the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept. (Inst) am a native of Lancaster Pa. moved to Monroe Co Va. in 1776 [formed from Greenbrier County in 1799] - during the war of the Revo (cant tell in what year) I was employed by Burnside to drive packhorses loaded with provisions for McIntoshs campaign - got my load at dry run. Went on to Fort McIntosh lay there a while and then moved on with the army to Fort Laurence. after getting at the latter place I joined the army as a soldier. I substituted in the place of a man whose name I have forgotten for nine months he haveing (as I understood from him) been drafted for that length of time. I was attached to Capt Uriah Springers company Col John Gibson Reg't. - I remained in service under the aforesaid officer at Fort Laurence Fort McIntosh Fort Pitt & fort Wheeling removing from the one place to the other until the close of the Revolutionary war. was two years & nine months in actual service - I substituted as before stated for nine months. when the time expired I applied for a discharge and was told by Col Gibson that I was in the regular service and to go about my business. haveing no certificate of my substitute (which Col. Gibson required me to produce to entitle me to a discharge) I was compeled to submit and remain in service as before stated. I got a written discharge but cant tell what has become of it. Jno. W. Kelly wrote my Declaration. the statement he gives is the same in substance as given to Mr. Kelly. he charged me \$4— but I have only paid him \$2— September 7, 1835

Witness J. W. Kelly.

John [sic] hisXmark Winkleblack

A Copy. W. G Singleton Oct 12, 1835