

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Tack (Tach) S7677

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County:

On this 24th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Jacob Tack a Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged Seventy Six 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That in June 1777 – he was living in Augusta County State of Virginia about that time all the friends of liberty were called upon to signify their Design by subscribing the following Oath: – I do hereby Certify that Jacob Tack hath this day taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and fidelity as Directed by an Act of the General Assembly entitled an Act to Oblige the Free Mail [sic, Male] inhabitants of this State above a Certain age to give Certain assurances of their allegiance to the same and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of September 1777 –

S/ Alexander Sainclair [sic, Alexander Sinclair]

we were immediately numbered and classed I was placed under the command of Captain Robert Cravan [probably Capt. Robert Cravens] the Indians was very Troublesome at that time on the frontiers we [were] ordered out to guard the lines on the West fork of the Potomac where there was a Fort station at Warwick at which place we continued for a considerable time we was relieved and returned home found things all in confusion the Indians committing frequent Outrages on our frontier Settlements I was called soon after my return and served a tower [tour] under Captain William Smith we went immediately on the lines and took the Range of the Allegheny Mountains on to a Fort called Hencles Fort¹ on the North fork of the Potomac that we took charge of and continued there whilst at that station we had many a run after the Indians this was very hard service we continued at [that] place until we was Relieved and Returned home soon after my Return home there was a call for men to go against the British I was then under Captain Richard Ragan Colonel Darke [Lt. Col. William Darke or Dark] commanded the Regiment we joined the main Army under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] at the permunkey River [Pamunkey River] we was then stationed at a place called Birds Ordinary

¹ This MAY be a reference to Fort Henckel (a/k/a Hinkle's Fort). See https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:Hinkle's_Fort,_Riverton,_West_Virginia

we [were] kept out as spies between the American & British armies under Colonel Mathews and Major Long we was on at Williamsburg and at little York we was Discharged at that place a few days before the Capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. I was a Volunteer the year 1777 to the End of the War I was out on the Different Towers that I have stated the situation where I then Resided in the County Required us at all times to be Ready the Indians was bordering on us where we then lived was frontier County [country] we that was able to bear arms preferred to be out in the Regular Service to be kept out as spies on the frontiers I know I served my Country faithfully I now call on them for a small pittance of their Bounty which I think I am justly entitled the precise time that I was out at the different times I served on long Towers I do not know but one thing I am Certain of that those persons who Resided on the frontiers was in the service or in Readiness to so from the commencement of the Revolutionary War [paper torn, text missing] and precise dates I cannot give but I served when called for which was Often I am old and Infirm not able to search out my old comrades to Testify to my services but I have many Respectable Neighbors who will Vouch for my Declaration. I hereby Relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever.

Question by the Court. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was Born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year 1756.

Question Have you any Record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have it in my possession taken from the family Register

Question Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer. I was living in Augusta County State of Virginia when called into service where I remained until sometime after the Revolutionary War was over then moved to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have resided ever since

Question. How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer. Where I then lived we was all Entered on a Roll and Drawn into classes and served our Regular Towers but when we was not out in the Regular Army we was Ready at all times to guard our frontiers as the Indians made many attacks on our frontier settlements and I was at all times Ready for when I had my Rifle in my hand, I thought myself most safe

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you Served

Question. State the names of some of the officers who were with you in the service

Answer. On the first Service we had no Officer above Captain that I recollect of the Tower to little York I was under Colonel Darke & General Stevens also Colonel Mathews & Major Long I Recollect General Morgan – Wain [Anthony Wayne] & Mullenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]

State the names of some persons in your neighborhood who can Certify as to your Character for Veracity and good behavior your service as a Revolutionary Soldier – Joseph Moore & Moses Logan Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Jacob Tack, X his mark

[Joseph Moore, a clergyman, and Moses Logan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: personally appeared before me the Subscriber Justice of the peace for said County Jacob Tack and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by Reason of Old age and consequent loss of Memory he cannot swear to the positive length of his

service but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades

1777 – Drafted in Turned to Fort Warwick stationed there I do not think there was any Officer higher in Command than the Captain I was under his name was Robert Cravan this service was

3 months

1778 Drafted a Tower to Hincles Fort on the Potomac I do not think we had on this Tower any Officer hire than a Captain which I was under by the name of William Smith this was a Tower of

3 months

1780 & 1781 – Volunteer under Captain Richard Ragan Colonel Darke commanded until we joined the main Army then under General Stevens went out as spy, we was under Major Long and Colonel Mathews. This I think was not less than

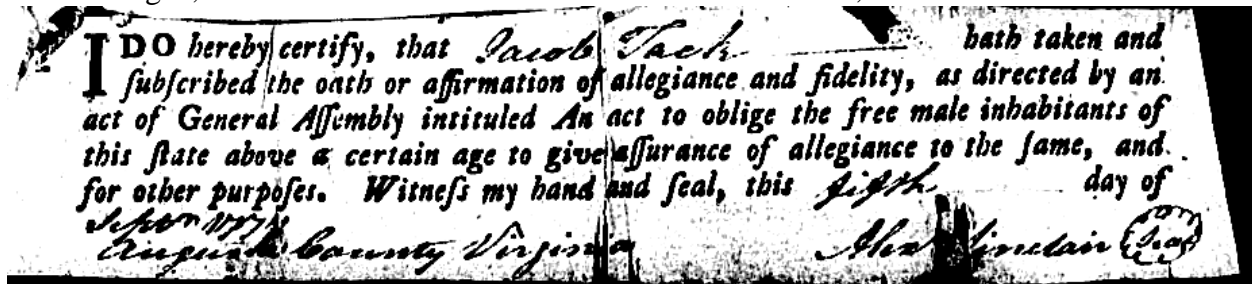
12 months

18 months

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 4th day of May, 1833

S/ John Logan, JP

S/ Jacob Tack, X his mark



State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Jacob Tack and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that when he Volunteered under Captain Richard Ragan for twelve months for which he thought he was entitled to receive pavement for but believes he was only in Actual Service three months and that Tower which only makes my Actual Service in the Revolutionary War nine months for which service I claim a pension but heretofore believed I was entitled to be paid for all the time I was held in Readiness to serve.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 2nd day of August 1833

S/Martin Beam, JP

S/ Jacob Tack, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]