

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hagle S8669

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State of Virginia }

County of Lewis } Ss.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Lewis County Court now sitting John Hagle a resident of Lewis County in the said State of Virginia aged 82 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1774 he started from that part of Virginia which is now Randolph County under the Command of Lieutenant William White as a drafted militia man was marched to Point pleasant at the mouth of the Great Kenhawa [sic: Great Kanawha River] was in the battle [10 Oct 1774] under Colonel [Andrew] Lewis against the Indians. defeated the indians. This was in 1774 before the Revolutionary war was fairly commenced. From that campaign he returned to Tygarts valley [Tygart Valley] in Va. now Randolph County, there remained untill 1776 when he volunteered as an Indian Spy under a certain Captain Ralph Stuart [Ralph Stewart]. Spied in what is now Randolph, Harrison, Wood, Lewis, Nicholas, Pendleton and Greenbrier Counties for Eighteen months and was discharged by his Captain. He having in this engagement not less than 18 months in the service as a private soldier or Spie. Then in the Spring of 1778 He again volunteered as an Indian Spie in the same region of Country under a Captain Knall or Knalls his first nme not recollected [possibly William Nall]. He served from March 1778 till Christmas of that year under Captain Knalls and was discharged verbally he now thinks. Then again in March 1779 (he thinks he is correct as to dates but is not certain) he entered under Captain John Skidmore as a volunteer Indian Spie from 1<sup>st</sup> of March till Christmas this being being the periods between which experience had taught us to fear visits from the Savage foe, he spied this term again under Captain Skidmore in the same parts of Virginia as a private Indian Spie, was discharged at Christmas 1779. In the Spring of 1780 he again volunteered as an Indian Spie under Captain George Jackson continued under Captain Jackson from 1<sup>st</sup> March till Nov'r of 1780 when he was transfered to a certain Captain Long, first name not now recollected [possibly Francis Long]. he served but a few days under Captain Long till he was dismissed verbally the season of the year having arrived when danger was little apprehended. This last service was in the same region above mentioned, but declarant began this last service in Buckhannon now Lewis County In the Spring of 1781 in March he again volunteered as a Spie under Captain Long and continued till first of Nov'r. of that year, was again verbally discharged. In 1782 again served some period under the same Captain George Jackson and Col. William Lowther Viz from March till November 1782 Nor did the close of the Revolution in 1783 close declarant's service as an Indian Spie, he continued to perform that service under different officers down to 1794 every Summer and always as a volunteer. He cannot say the precise time he served in all, but he is certain that he did not serve a less period between the years 1776 and 1783 as a volunteer Indian Spie than four whole years and more as a private an Indian Spie. He has no documentary evidence. And he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to hs services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

John hisXmark Hagle

The Court propounded to declarant the seven several interrogatories prescribed by the war Department to which he gave the following answers Viz

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in 1750 on Schuylkill in Pennsylvania according to his parents.

2<sup>nd</sup> That he has no record of his age

3<sup>rd</sup> That he was living in Randolph County (now so called) then in 1774 West Augusta and 1776 when he entered as a Spie he thinks it was Monongalia. He has lived ever after the

Revolutionary war in Harrison County in Va. untill 1816 when Lewis County was formed out of parts of Harrison since which time he has lived in Lewis and still does.

4. He was called into the service as a drafted Ma. man in 1774 but all his other service during the Revolution was as a volunteer.
5. He does not recollect any field officers except Col Duvall, Col. Lowther who he was acquainted with in his service as a Spie. He spied on the now Counties of Randolph, Greenbrier, Lewis, Harrison, Nicholas, Wood and Pendleton. He often detected the traces of Indians and gave early information at the settlements and forts. Several times acted in recapturing property stolen by them and rescuing prisoners taken by them. his service was a hard & perilous one, many of the particulars have escaped his memory in the great lapse of time.
6. He does not now recollect that he ever received any written discharge if he did he has lost it.
7. That he is acquainted with George Bush Esq and Adam Fisher in his neighbourhood who can testify as to their belief of his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That there are no Clergymen living near to him.

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[See note below regarding the following:]

John Hagle. a Pensioner for 2 yrs.

Saw Hagle in Weston June 29<sup>th</sup> 1834, & received the following statement from him Vizt. is in his 85<sup>th</sup> year, born and raised in Pennsylvania. removed to Maryland from thence to South Branch of Potomac in Virginia and from thence to the forks of Cheat River west of the Allegany Mountains [Allegheny Mountains]. when he moved to the latter place was 16 or 17 yrs old. lived on Cheat River several years and then returned to Morefield [sic: Moorefield] (South Branch of Potomac) from Morefield went to Buckhannon (east of the Allegany Mountains) where his brother Michael was. the people including himself commenced a Fort at that place, but disagreeing among themselves took up & separated. one party went to Nutters Fort near Clarksburg. the other to Tigers Vally [sic]. he Joined the latter party and aided in building a Fort in Tigers Vally. this was in the year 1774 - in the same year (1774) he went out under Genl. Andrew Lewis to Point Pleasant and was in that memorable engagement in which the Indians were defeated. in the succeeding year (1775) there was peace between the Americans and Indians. the succeeding year (1776) the war again broke out between the americans and Indians. he went to Buckhannon again and aided in building a fort there. he remained at Buckhannon Fort until two years before the close of the Revo. War. at which time the Fort was deserted and the men that were there dispersed. Some went to the South branch & some to Nutters Fort. he went to the latter place, left his family there and went to the Forks of Cheat, rented land and tilled it until peace was made, then returned to Nutters Fort. took his family to Buckhannon & settled where he now lives. - whilst Forted at Buckhannon he was in several scrimages and scouts against the Indians Spying out for Indians west of the Fort. every year whilst forted at Buckhannon the county Lieutenant sent out a company of men to guard against the depredations of the Indians whilst the settlers were clearing and cultivating the land - he belonged to that party engaged in clearing, cultivating the land and getting in the crops. - whilst at the Fort he aided in raising the crop every Summer & in the winter was engaged in Hunting - in being asked how long he was in actual service, he said that he could not nor would not swear, that he was in actual service one month in each year from the year 1776 to 1781, at which latter period he commenced cultivating his place at the Forks of Cheat as before stated. "It might be that long and might not" after the War of the Revolution he done considerable duty "in waring" with the Indians. - Johnson F. Nealan wrote his declaration, he agreed to give Nealan twenty dollars. this agreement was made in the country. on going to Weston to have his declaration written in conformity with the agreement made with Nealan, he Nealan refused to do the business for less than one hundred dollars. finally however Nealan agreed to take his (Hagle's first years pay. the contract was closed with Nealan upon those terms. Nealand received eighty dollars being the first years pay. - in making the first agreement with Nealan he (Hagle) gave his note to Nealan for the twenty dollars - at the second agreement the twenty dollar note was taken

up.

The forgoing statement was taken down as detailed by Hagle and after the same had been read to him particularly he the said Hagle said it was all right and correctly taken down. From under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> June 1834.

Nathan Goff

Hagle is an Ignorant man, and I understand of good character. he has been imposed upon. I am satisfied that it was not his intention to commit a Perjury.

Respectfully Reported.

W. G. Singleton Special Agent

NOTE: W. G. Singleton investigated a large number of fraudulent claims from Lewis County. See the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111) for details.