

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Haddox S8694

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State of Virginia }

Harrison County }

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open court before Jacob Coplin Joseph Johnson William Martin Benjamin Basel the court of Harrison County now sitting William Haddox aged 74 years who being first sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he was born in Fauquier County in the state of Virginia the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1758 but has no record of his age but so informed by his parents that he was drafted into the service of the united states as a melitia man under Captain Robert Cunningham in the County of Hampshire and state of Virginia and marched to Beeson Town in Pensylvania now Union Town [Uniontown] from thence to fort Pitt Joined Genl [Lachlan] McIntosh in his Campaign against the Indians as he believes in the spring of the year 1778 thence decended the Ohio River to the mouth of big Beaver [at present Beaver PA] built a fort called McIntosh thence started to go the Sandusky Towns but the winter setting in too severe they stoped and built a fort on the Tuscasny River called fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on the Tuscarawas River in OH] and there continued all winter skirmishing with the Indians. Some time in the Spring following they was relieved by new Levies and was discharged by Col [John] Gibson who had the command of the fort and returned to the Horse Shoe Bottom on Cheat River now in the county of Randolph and immediately after his return he was appointed an Indian Spy by Capt John Hadden to spy the region of country from Cheat River passing through the Tygar [sic: Tygart] Valley and Buckhanon [sic: Buckhannon] Rivers for three yeares during the Revolutionary war for both towers he had a regular written discharge but his home getting burnt his papers all got burnt and his discharges with them. That he has no Documentary evidence to establish his Claim. But referes to the neighbourhood where he now lives on the waters of the Tygar Valley River. He would refer to John H. Woodford Esqr Uriah Modesett, John Huff Vincent L Huff Post Master at Huffville in Harrison County where he now lives

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

William hisXmark Haddox

State of Virginia } to wit

Harrison County }

on the twenty sixth day of January 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the county of Harrison and State of Virginia Wm Haddox aged seventy four years who being duly sworn deposeseth and sayeth that in the spring of the 1778 he was drafted as a militiaman in Capt Robert Cunningham's company of Militia in the campaign under Gen. macintosh against the Indians and served eight months as a private soldiers in said company and was discharged at Fort Lawrence he thinks about the first of aprile 1779 by Col. John Gibson, that he immediately returned to the horse shoe bottom on Cheat River now in the County of Randolph that in the summer in the month of June 1779, then living at Mennear Fort [Fort Minear at present St. George in Tucker County WV] in the horse shoe bottom he was appointed a regular Indian spie in company with Phineas Wels and Daniel Kettle by Capt John Hadden under the authority of the State of Virginia and that he acted at all times under the command of the said Capt John Hadden for three years (viz) in 1780 which tower of service he had a regular discharge from the said Capt John Hadden and the said Capt John Hadden Phineas Wells and Daniel Kettel being dead he knows of no one now liveing by whome he can establish his clame Sworn to the year and day affore said William hisXmark Haddox

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison, Lewis, and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see

pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]  
William Haddox. draws \$66.66

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1834. Mr. Haddox gave the following statement to wit - born in Fauquier County V. was 76 years old March last. - In the year 1775 [sic] he enlisted in Fauquier County under Capt. Robert Cravens for eight months and served that tour against the Indians and whilst in this service was at the Battle of Point Pleasant [10 Oct 1774]. this was called [Gen. Andrew] Lewis Campaign. - Note Dummore's War 1774 [sic: Lord Dunmore's War]

In the fall of the year 1776 he volunteered in Fauquier County for 6 months under Capt. Bell and was sent to the place called Fort Laurence over the Ohio river. Robert Cunningham was his captain in part of this tour. Col. Gibson was his colonel. - was starved out at Fort Laurence & returned through Beeson town to Romney & there got his discharge. it was signed by Capt. Cunningham. - he served out the six months -

immediately after getting his discharge at Romney he volunteered under Capt. John Hedden (he had then left the South Branch and removed to Tiggarts Vally now Beverley in now Randolph County) and was spying and scouting up the vally and around the head of Elk Creek. Richard Gains spayed with him. - Capt Hedden was often called out against the Indians - he was stationed at the Horse Shoe on Cheat River, he Haddax was eight months in this service. - has lost all his discharges - J Copelan [sic: Jacob Coplin] wrote his Decleration gave him the same Narative that he now gives - heard his Declaration read & swore to it in open court. Gave Copelan \$66.66/100.

the above narative was given & acknowledged to be corectly taken down in presence of Nathan Goff [pension agent at Clarksburg] & Gustavus Harrison.

A Copy W. G Singleton.

Note. the narative givin by Haddox is manifestly false. - Fort Laurence on the Ohio river was not built until 1778 & 1779 and yet he claims to have done service at that Fort in 1776 - there were no such officer as Capt. Cunningham at that station, and more especially there were no men sent to that station from Fauquier County - Haddex is clearly an impostur.

W. G Singleton Nov. 17, 1834

NOTE: Several letters from the Commissioner of Pensions in 1861 and 1862 indicate that Haddox was dropped from the pension roll on 10 Mar 1835 "on the ground that the pension was obtained by fraud. No effort was made during the life time of Haddox to be restored, and the inference from his silence is that he acquiesced in the justice of the decision of the office."