

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Hess Va23 ¹

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Law Order Book 6, Page 45

June 2, 1818

The following persons who reside in the county of Russell wishing to become pensioners under the act of Congress of the 18th of March last, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States", declared on oath as follows:

Jacob Hess declared that he came into the United States with General Rochambeau the French General who came into the United States during the Revolutionary War in aid of this country; that he served at the siege of Little York and was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 17, 1781]; that he was taken to Charlotte Courthouse in this state to winter there; that he preferred this land of liberty to the country which gave him birth, and submits his claim to the liberality of the court. He served two years as well as he recollects, and is now in indigent circumstances.

It also appears to the satisfaction of the court that the aforesaid applicants are persons of good credit as witnesses, and that they served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy; and it was also satisfactorily proven to the court that the said John Ferrall, Leonard Pigman, Carlton Keeling, John Sykes, Abraham Childers, James Berry, Charles Sexton and Jacob Hess according to the report of their neighbors previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress had served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War; All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

¹ Law Order Book 6, Page 45, Russell County VA court records