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Pension Application of John Jeremiah Jacob W11930 Susan J Jacob MD  
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State and District of Virginia Hampshire County

Before me Robert White Sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Hampshire in the State aforesaid, personally appeared John J. Jacob aged 60 years, resident in the County, State and District aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration on oath, in order to procure the benefit of the provisions of the late act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war"

That he entered into the service of the United States, sometime in the summer of the year 1776 as an Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Henry] Shryock which made a part of what was the flying camp, engaged to the best of his recollection for the term of five months, that he marched with said troops for Fort Lee on the Hudson River, and continued with them untill they were discharged in Philadelphia, he thinks about the fifth of december in the same year. That some time, about the said fifth day of decemb'r 1776, he entered into the regular service as Second Lieut. in the troops of the State of Maryland, that in the organization of said troops he was attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't of said State, and continued generally with the army in active service, (save only when occasionally sent home on the recruiting service) from the aforesaid time, as 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut, first Lieut't and Regimental paymaster untill some short time after the fatal battle of Cambden [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] in South Carolina on the 16 day of August 1780 called commonly [Gen. Horatio] Gates' defeat. that after that battle he was with several other officers sent home by the commanding Gen'l. [William] Smallwood as supernumerarys, the troops being so cut up and destroyed in said Battle, that the whole line of Maryland and Delaware were reduced as well as he can recollect to one Regiment – and that from that time he was never more called into active service. And this Deponent saith that he was with the Army of the commander in Chief in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – as also with Gen'l. Gates in the aforesaid battle of Cambden – that notwithstanding his station in the staff as paymaster, yet he always took his place as an Officer in the line, in the time of battle. And this Deponent in addition to the above declaration herewith sends also one of his commissions and the accompanying certificates and papers, which he saith is all the Evidence he has now to offer, and that besides them, he has no other evidence of his said services now in his power. Sworn to & declared before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818

District of Virginia

Be it remembered that on this [blank] day of May 1818, came personally before Robert White Sole Judge &c &c John J. Jacob late an Officer in the Revolutionary War and with a view to Obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress granting pensions to certain Officers &c &c engaged in said war – who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, Deposeth and sayeth, that he served as an officer in the revolutionary war – in the service of the United States, and in the Maryland line – that he first entered into the service as an Ensign in the summer about July of 1776 in a Regiment commanded by Colo. Shryock which made a part of what was called the flying Camp engaged he believes for 5 months. That he continued in the service with said troops untill they were discharged in the City of Philadelphia about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of december in the same year. That immediately thereupon he entered into the regular service as a Lieutenant and was attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Maryland troops, & that he continued with the army in active service from the time he first entered untill some short time after the ever memorable and fatal battle at Cambden in South Carolina called commonly Gates defeat. that soon after that battle he was sent by Genl Smallwood, the commanding Gen'l. with several other officers as supernumerarys to the state of Maryland, and never after recalled into Active service that he served the campaign of 1776

as Ensign, of 1777, 1778, 1779 and 1780 as Lieut – and part of said time as Lieut and Regimental paymaster. That he was with the main Army under the commander in Chief at the Battles of Brandywine, German Town and Monmouth – and that altho in the staff as Regimental paymaster, he took his post as an officer of the line in the battle of Cambden under Gen'l. Gates – to confirm and establish which, he offers his commission as Lieutenant – hereunto subjoined – and herewith enclosed.

May 1818 (Copy from memory.) Sworn before Robt White

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

To John Jeremiah Jacobs Gent'n. Greeting. We Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Lieutenant in the Sixth Maryland Regiment in the Army of the United States to take rank as such from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October AD. 1777 You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do Strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders as Lieutenant. And you are to observe and follows such orders and directions from time to time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue inforce untill revoked by this or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress beforementioned or a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office  
and examined by the Board  
Attest

Witness his Excellency John Jay Esq'r, President of  
the Congress of the United States of America at  
Philadelphia the Second day of June 1779 and in the third  
year of our Independence. [signed] John Jay

P. Scull Secretary of the Board of War

Deeming it proper, reasonable and expedient, that in order to shew and evince that I am entitled to the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress granting pensions to certain officers &c of the revolutionary war, that some satisfactory evidence should be offered to the Hon'ble The Secretary of war, as to my circumstances &c, And considering the present method as more Honorable – more congenial with my own feelings as an officer in that eventfull and honorable war, and in my own Judgment equally – not to say more satisfactory than any individual Testimony given upon Oath — I now take the Liberty to offer a faithful, honest, and candid statement of my means Circumstances –

I am in possession of a Landed Estate, the annual Rent Value is Estimated at \$360, and I have also an Annual pension from the bounty of the State of Maryland of \$160 pr annum – whole Amount \$520

I stand indebted to the Banks and individuals to the Amount of about \$2000. I am myself old and infirm in the 62<sup>d</sup> year of my age – and incapable of Labour. my wife is far advanced in life – & withal is entirely helpless – cannot walk nor stand is lifted in and out of bed – and no prospect, and little hope of recovery at her advanced period of life – from the Effects of a severe paralytic Stroke on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March last –

add to all this the increased expense of Doctors and Nurses, as I have to keep in constant Attendance two young women to wait upon and remain with her day and night from all which it Manifestly Appears that if I cannot say I am poor – yet truly I can say I am needy

(Copy May 1818 only date)

John J. Jacob

We certify that we are personally acquainted with the Rev'd. John J. Jacob and his family, that we believe his statement above to be generally correct, and especially that part respecting Mrs. Jacob we know to be so – because we were her attending physicians.

Dated May 1818

R. Weisman

(Copy)

[J. M.] Lawrence

Doct McDonald also attended & would have signed this paper but was not at home when I called

Deeming it expedient that Agreeable to the late law of the United States granting pensions to certain Officers and Soldiers of Revolutionary War, that all Applicants for said pension, should offer to the Hon'ble The Secretary of war some Evidence that they are embraced within the discriminating bounds the spirit and intention of said Law – The Subscriber late an Officer in the Armies of the U. States in said war takes the Liberty to offer the honest and candid statement and exposition of his circumstances as follows.

He is in possession of a Farm in the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia – the annual Rent Value of which he supposes and believes to be about \$360.00 that he receives from the bounty of the State of Maryland a pension of \$100 pr annum in Quarterly payments. that he has on hand a small stock of Horses Cattle, Sheep and Hoggs, farming utensils, and a sufficient quantity of old fashioned and plain Household furniture but little cash and few debts due him.

That he is indebted to the Banks \$1400, and to individuals about \$600 more – that if pressed for the payment of this money that his personal property must be sacrificed & would not it is probable suffice. That he is himself old and infirm and utterly incapable of lab our, That his wife is not only old and very infirm, but is now confined to her bed and it is probable will remain so, with a stroke of the palsey, that such is her situation that she requires three women to nurse and wait upon her – to remove her in and out of bed &c.

That physicians and nurses and other incidental expences in a case of this kind has been and still must continue heavy &c &c.

from all which it will appear that altho the subscriber will not undertake to say he is poor – yet it manifestly appears that he is needy.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1818 John J. Jacob

late Lt & paym'r to the 6<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Maryland

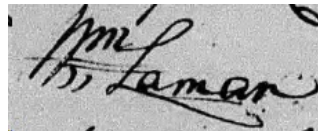


We the Undersigned Subscribers Neighbours and Acquaintances of the Rev'd. John J. Jacob do certifye, That from our personal knowledge and acquaintance with his situation and circumstances we do believe and are well assured, that the within statement is honest, candid, and correct.

Joseph Cresap

Mr Cresap is a Senator in the Legislature of Maryland

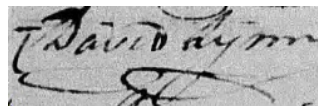
[William Lamar S46388] Colo Lamar a respectable Citizen & an officer in he revolutionary war.



Michael C. Sprigg

The same is respectable Citizen

[David Lynn W9154] The same & late a Capt. in the revolutionary war



Roger Perry

he was Elected a Senator but resign'd

Beal Howard

a respectable Lawyer in Cumberland

David Shriver junr

superintendant of the Great Western Road it is presumed known to the officers of Govern't.

Thomas M Cresap

a plain, honest, respectable farmer

James Prather Jun

a respectable farmer, my nearest neighbour twice at least a representative for Allegany County Maryland.

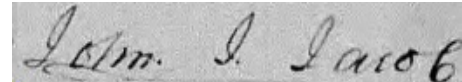
I have added these notes to the names of the above gentleman, that the Hon'ble The Secretary may know who they are J J J

For the purpose of Obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of may 1828, I, John J. Jacob of North Branch of Patowmac [sic: Potomac] in the County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia Do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and served as such from About the 5<sup>th</sup> day of december 1776 to the conclusion of the Campaign in South Carolina in the year 1780. That being then in bad health I was sent home to Maryland by the commander in Chief of the Southern Army with a number of other Officers as supernumerary that in the latter end of the winter or early in the spring of 1781, I met with the other Officers then in the State of Maryland at the City of Annapolis with the view and intention of going on to rejoin the Southern Army, But as at this time my standing in the Army was doubtfull – ie – whether I was continued or reduced – I was advised by my Brother Officers to return home, and wait for official information – I did so but never was called into the service after this time – my rank in the Army was Lieutenant by commission Captain Lt. by Title – and I was entitled to a Captaincy from the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Augt 1780, but never received a commission as such – although I received Captains pay for five months.

I also declare, that I never did apply for, or received any Certificate commonly called commutation Certificates

And I do further declare that I have received no pension from the United States since the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1828

Witness my hand 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828



#### BOUNTY LANDS

#### FOR REVOLUTIONARY SERVICES–INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION.

District OF Columbia } SS.

County of Washington }

I, John J. Jacob aged about seventy one years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six I enlisted or entered the service as a Lieutenant, for the term of “during the war,” in the sixth regiment, commanded by Col. Otho H. Williams [Otho Holland Williams] and afterwards served in the said regiment under the command of Col. Williams who was previous to the close of the war appointed a General and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the Maryland line in virtue of the proclamation of the Congress of the U. States bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct’r. 1783, when I was a Captain Lieutenant commanding the Colonels company and holding the Commission of a lieutenant, but entitled to promotion to the grade of Captain by the rule of seniority; That at the battle of Camden the sixth regiment was cut up and dispersed; That after the Army marched to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N. Carolina, the Gen’l. finding the officers too numerous for the men proportioned to the numbers, ordered a number of the officers home among whom I was; That afterwards the seven Maryland regiments were consolidated into two and I remained a retiring officer and never thereafter entered into active service.

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever:

THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, John J. Jacob aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Col. JOSEPH WATSON, of Washington City, to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this nineteenth day of September A. D. 1828



Auditor's Office/ Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Sept'r. 1828

I certify, that it appears by the muster rolls remaining in the office, that John Jerem'h. Jacob was appointed Lieut. in the 6<sup>th</sup> Md. Reg't. date of appointment blank, and Paymaster on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1778.  
Thomas Karney Aud'r. St. Md.

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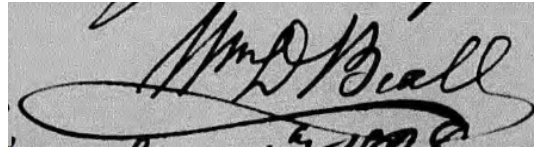
I certify, that it appears by a Depreciation pay Roll remaining in the office, that John Jerem'h. Jacob Lieut. Paymaster, & Capt., of the 6<sup>th</sup> Maryland Reg't. received £573.11.7, depreciation money issued to the Maryland quota of Troops on Continental Establishment on 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1781.

Thomas Karney Aud'r. St. Md.

I also certify, that I have carefully examined the muster and pay rolls, as well as the army Ledgers in my office, and it does not appear that the applicant ever resigned.

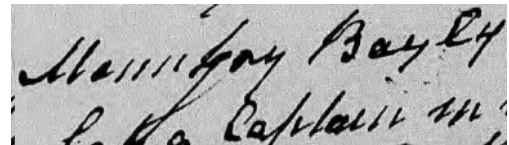
I was intimately acquainted with John Jeremiah Jacob in the revolutionary war. I believe he commanded the Lt Col Company of the Regiment, to which he belonged which I think was the Sixth Regiment of the Maryland line in the Army of the Revolution He was at the Battle of Cambden in South Carolina in the year 1780 when the scattered troops had collected at Hillsborough in North Carolina, after the action, they were found so reduced as to render many officers useless there, and they were ordered to Maryland I think on recruiting service. Capt'n Jacobs I beli[eve was] one of these. I never heard of his resigning his commission I believe he was in commission to the close of the war. The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and Belief.

[William Dent Beall]  
September 11<sup>th</sup> 1828



I certify that I knew Mr. John J Jacobs of the Sixth Maryland Reg't. of the Continental Army and that I allways understood & believed that he was appointed a Lieutenant in the said Regiment and that I never heard that he had resigned his Commission & was considered by his friends & many of the officers of the Maryland line to have continued in the continental service to the end of the revolutionary War.

Mountjoy Bayly [S12094]  
late a Captain in the  
7th Maryland Reg't  
[22 Sep 1828]



Land Office, Annapolis/ 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1846

I hereby Certify, That it appears by the Muster Rolls of the Revolution remaining in this office, That John Jerem'h Jacobs, was appointed a Lieutenant, in Captain Hyene's [Andrew Hines or Andrew Hynes] Company, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment, and was Paym'r. the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 1778, I also further Certify, That by a paper or record also remaining in this office, headed "List of officers of the Maryland line," shewing their rank, time of service, and when left the Service, That the name of John J. Jacob, appears upon said list, to have held the rank of Lieutenant, to have been 4¼ years in service, resigned in January, 1781, and to have resided in Washington County. George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. Md.  
Memo. The date of the appointment of John Jeremiah Jacob, as a Lieutenant, is blank upon the muster roll, I am therefore unable to certify as to the time he was appointed a Lieutenant.

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

NOTE: On 26 Sep 1853 Susan J. Jacob, 58, of Romney in Hampshire County VA applied for a pension stating that she married John J. Jacob on 4 July 1821, and he died 23 Mar 1839. In the file is a copy of

the record of marriage of John J. Jacob to Susan McDavott in Allegany County MD. On 21 April 1853 Henry Myers certified that John J. Jacob married Susan McDavitt at the house of Joseph Cresap. On 7 May 1855 Susan J. Jacob applied for bounty land. On 4 Dec 1861 Susan J. Jacob applied to have her pension payable in Maryland, having moved to Allegany County for the following reason: "The state of Virginia having by an ordinance passed by an alledged convention declared the state seceded from the United States of America and no longer one of the states of the Union and this affiant denying the power and right of the said state thus to secede, removed from the state of Virginia to the state of Maryland with the intention of maintaining her allegiance to the Government of the United States and repudiating the alledged action of Virginia in passing the said ordinace of secession." On 2 Oct 1866 Susan J. Jacob applied to have her pension payable in West Virginia rather than Maryland, having returned to Hampshire County.