

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Waggoner¹ W27855 Sarah Waggoner f85PA
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Before the Purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 –

I John Waggoner³ of Reading Township in the County of Perry in the State of Ohio do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private Soldier in Captain __ Hares [sic, Bartholomew Von Heer's]⁴ Company and designated as General G. Washington's [George Washington's] life Guard – And I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of Eighty Dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 – And I further declare that I was not alone the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States
Signed this 9th day of September 1828

S/ John Waggoner



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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
Sept. 16, 1818

John Waggoner, of Reading Township in the County of Perry in the State of Ohio has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during

¹ BLWt13895-100 Issued January 21, 1793

² Presumably a number having some administrative function but its significance is unknown to me.

³ As a member of the Life Guard of George Washington, this man qualifies for inclusion in our database since he probably was at Yorktown on October 19, 1781 when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his Army to Washington.

⁴ Capt. Bartholomew Von Heer commanded an Independent Troop of Light Dragoons in Count Pulaski's Legion. See revwarapps.org/rosind.pdf

the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Von Heer's Troop ~~Company, in the ___ regiment~~ of the ___ line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
Sep. 23rd 1828

It ^{does not} appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to John Waggoner in ~~the~~ Von Heer's Troop

It further appears that John Waggoner is ^{not} now on the pension list of any agency, and has ^{not} been so since the 3rd March 1826 at the rate of ___ dollars per month.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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Revolutionary Claim

Under the act, entitled "an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15th of May, 1828.

Treasury Department
12 December 1828

The annexed paper, relating to the claim of John Waggoner under the above mentioned act, is respectfully referred to the Secretary of War, with a request that he will be pleased to cause me to be informed whether it appears, by any records of the war Department, that the claimant has received, or is entitled to receive, the bounty in land granted by Congress for service in the Continental Line of the Army of the revolution.

S/ R Rush

The Honorable. The Secretary of War.

War Department
Bounty Land Office
13 December, 1828

The undersigned has no knowledge of any troops appropriately denominated Washington's life guards,⁵ and has the supposed Hazens regiment to come the nearest to them, and therefore certifies that the records of this office do not show that John Waggoner of that regiment ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States. But it does appear that Warrant No. 13,895 issued on the 21st of January 1793 to John Wagner of Hazens regiment. It is necessary here to remark that the warrant of the above number appears by another entry to have been

⁵ Above this statement, in another hand, someone in the pension office has written "what nonsense". That the statement nonsense is easily demonstrated by the many pensioners who served in that capacity and the scholarship that has been brought to bear on studying the Guard. See, e.g., <https://revolutionarywarjournal.com/george-washingtons-body-guard/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2014/08/his-excellencys-guards/> & https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commander-in-Chief%27s_Guard

issued to Perry Scott of Lee's Legion – and as there is a blank opposite to No. 13,896 it is possible it is the No. Issued to John Wagner – it may perhaps be ascertained of the General land Office

S/ Robert Taylor

[p 9: In a letter dated August 7, 1829 from W. P. Darst of Somerset Ohio in behalf of the veteran, reference is made to a brother of the veteran by the name of Jacob Waggoner 'near Reading' to whom the veteran has written to support his application for a pension but to which no answer has been received, his brother being presumed to be then dead.]

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The State of Ohio

Perry County SS } Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County Jacob Fox⁶ of the County of Fairfield, in said State – who after being by me first duly Sworn deposed and saith that he is the identical Jacob Fox who is placed on the list of Pensioners of the Revolution and was one of Captain Hares Company of Horse – and further Saith that during the Revolution he recollects that a person by the name of Waggoner was also a member of said Company of Horse and that he verily believes that John Waggoner (who lately resided in the County of Perry and State aforesaid and who has now removed to the County of Seneca in said State) is the Identical man, He founds disbelief upon the circumstance of the said Waggoner's knowledge of the most intimate Circumstances happening in the Company having had frequent conversations with said Waggoner – from the long lapse of time since he could have been intimate it is impossible for him to say positively that Mr. Waggoner Served to the end of the War but says he is Confident that no person by the name of Waggoner ever deserted from the Company he further states that John Waggoner is an honest Man So far as he has any knowledge of him and in whose word or oath he would place the most implicit confidence.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Fox", with a small number "7" written to the right of the signature.

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 7th day of August 1829

S/ Joseph Petty, JP

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The State of Ohio

Montgomery County } SS Before me John Folmerth a justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid personally came Michael Miller⁸ who being duly Sworn according to law deposed and Saith that he was an enlisted Soldier in the American Army in the Revolutionary war against Great Britain and that he knew John Waggoner to be an enlisted Soldier in the Service of the United States deponent thinks in 1780 & 1781 under the command of General Washington and in a company of Mounted men known by the name of Washington's life Guard that he did Serve until the end of the War, for he was discharged at the end of the War and came away in company with deponent and deponent has been in company with him often since and does Know his name to be John Waggoner and not Jacob –

⁶ S49271 (also in Washington's Life Guard)

⁷ This veteran's name has clearly been 'americized' to "Jacob Fox."

⁸ This MIGHT be the same man as [Michael Miller R7217](#)

S/ Michael Mallar

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Sworn and Subscribed before me this 28th day of March 1831

S/ John FolMerth, JP

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The State of Ohio

Perry County SS } Personally appeared before me 1 of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County Johnston Cook [sic, Johnson Cook]⁹ a revolutionary Soldier and one who served in the Army of the Revolutionary War and now upon the Pension list – who after being duly sworn as the law directs states that he was and is still personally acquainted with John Waggoner who lately lived in this County and now lives in the County of Seneca Ohio and further states that he was Personally acquainted with said Waggoner in the Army of the Revolution and Knows him to have belonged to a Company Called and Known by the name of Washington’s life Guard and that he served into engagements with said Waggoner and further saith not

S/ Johnson Cook

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State of Ohio

County of Sandusky } SS

On this Thirteenth day of September A.D. 1853, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court of the State of Ohio & County of Sandusky, Sarah Waggoner, a resident of Washington Tp [Township] in the County of Sandusky and State of Ohio aged 75 years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed February 3rd, 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary War; that she is the widow of John Waggoner who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and was a “Revolutionary Pensioner” – I do not know under what Act, he drew his pension know nor when he commenced drawing – but his pension, per annum was \$96 and the place, Pittsburgh, Penn.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Waggoner on the 20th day of June A.D. 1833, in Somerset in the County of Perry in the State of Ohio by John Linn Justice of the peace and that her said husband died on the 15th day of December A.D. 1842; that she was not married to him prior to the second of January, 1800, but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow.

Attest

J. Bell

S/ Sarah E Crowell

S/ Sarah Waggoner, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

In testimony the Seal of said Court of Probate and my name at Fremont the day and year above written & I certify that I have no interest in the result of this Claim

⁹ S42141 but he does not claim to have been in Washington’s Life Guard in his own pension application.

S/ John Bell, Judge of Probate

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I Certify that I solemnized the Marriage of John Wagoner [sic] Senr. to Sarah Minie [could be Minic]¹⁰ on the 20th day of June 1833

S/ John E. Linn, J. P.

The State of Ohio

Perry County SS } I William M Brown Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of the Marriage certificate between John Wagoner Senior and Sarah Minic as taken from Marriage Record X an my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & the seal of the said Court at Somerset this 22nd day of September 1853

S/ William M Brown, Probate Judge

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing February 3, 1853 for her husband service as a private of Dragoons.]

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