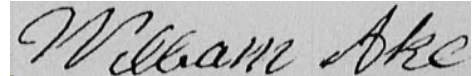


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Ake W2898 Esther Ake DE
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State of Delaware }
Sussex County } SS

Be it Remembered that on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, came before me Samuel Paynter Jun'r. one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, William Ake a native citizen, of the County of Sussex and State of Delaware aforesaid, aged fifty seven years, who being solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, Deposeth and Saith, that in the Revolutionary War in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, he enlisted a private Soldier under the command of Captain Peter Jaquet [sic: Peter Jaquett] in the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col. David Hall and General [William] Smallwood, Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates and Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], that he remained to serve in the aforesaid company untill the conclusion of the War, when he was discharged by General Proclamation in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three The said Deponent further saith that Belitha Townsend served at the same time in the aforesaid Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Lucus, in which service he knew said Townsend two years, that he Townsend and this Deponent were enoculated and had the smallpox in the same House — And the aforesaid William Ake further Deposeth and Saith that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.



Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware/ Dover 24 June 1819

There are in this office pay rolls of Captain Peter Jaquet's company, which was attached to and formed part of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Colonel David Hall in the service of the United States on the continental establishment during the revolutionary war from May 1777 to March 1780 inclusive, from which it appears that a man of the name of "William Ake" served as a private soldier in the said company from the 19th June 1778 until and during the month of March 1780.

It also appears from a "muster roll of the non commissioned officers drummers and fifers and rank and file the late Delaware Regiment (then) the firs company of the second Battalion in Col. [Otho Holland] Williams' Regiment serving in the Southern army of the United States" dated "Hillsborough N. carolina Sept. 1780", and which muster roll is in this office, that a private soldier of the name of "William Ake" then belonged to and was serving in the said last mentioned company.

Certified for the United States War Depart./ H. M. Ridgely

District of Delaware SS.

On this sixteenth day of November eighteen hundred & twenty personally appeared in open Court of the Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware in and for Sussex County being a Court of Record, having the power of fine & imprisonment, William Ake aged sixty one years resident in Baltimore Hundred in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows in the Delaware Regiment in the Company of Captain Peter Jaquet in the Delaware Line. The first declaration made by this deponent was on the first day of May eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the pension he has received, has been on the Pension Certificate No. 12.615. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred & eighteen, that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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 passed on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of William Ake.

- 1 Yoke of Oxen. . . \$20.00
- 1 Cow & Calf. 10.00
- 1 Sow & pigs. 5.00
- 3 Shotes. 6.00
- 2 Cows & Calf 18.00
- 2 Young Steers. 15.00
- 3 Yearlings. 6.00
- \$80.00

And this deponent further saith that his occupation is that of a farmer, that he is not in very good health but works some times being subject to the Rheumatism has a wife very infirm named Hester about fifty years of age, a son who is about eighteen named William who lives with him, & a daughter named Peggy aged fifteen.

Signed William Ake

State of Delaware }
Sussex County ss }

On this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before me, John Tunnell a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, Easter Ake a resident of Baltimore Hundred in the County of Sussex, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of William Ake who was to the best of this deponents belief a private soldier in the Delaware Regiment and in the company commanded by Captain [Robert] Kirkwood. Cannot say when he entered the service, but that he was in the army about five years and six months and served until the close of the war; that he resided in Baltimore Hundred in Sussex County and State of Delaware at the time he entered the service; that to the best of her belief, he was not drafted, but was a volunteer; that she believes he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780 and possibly also Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], Guilford Court house [NC, 15 March 1781] and most of the engagements at the South: that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, and that the said William Ake died on the fourteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and twenty four. she further declares that she was lawfully married to the said William Ake on the sixteenth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five; that her husband the said William Ake died on the day and in the year before mentioned, that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place prior to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz: at the time above stated Easter X Ake

NOTE:

On 2 April 1855 William Wharton, 56, quoted the following entry from a "Pennsylvania Pocket Almanac for the year 1783," borrowed from Edward P. Dazey, a grandson of Thomas Dazey, who wrote the entry along with many others: "James Ake, son of William Ake and Easter His wife was Born the 12 Day of May in the year of our Lord Anno dominy 1786."

On 21 Nov 1855 William Wharton stated that William and Esther Ake had eight children, and the following three still survived living in Sussex County: James Ake about 69, Thomas Ake, and

Margaret Wharton. On 27 Sep 1855 he stated that William and Esther Ake “had six children only,” and that “a fourth child, John, died nearly twenty years ago in Philadelphia, leaving three children, all living, viz. Hetty now Hetty Ward, William Ake, and Jane intermarried with John Stetser; a fifth child George died in 1832 at Philadelphia, leaving two children, Margaret intermarried with Barzillai Baymore and now living, and Elizabeth who died about four years since, without issue; the sixth child, Joshua Ake, died in infancy, many years since.