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Pension Application of John Matthias Haupt W3806  
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State of Maryland City of Baltimore Sc

On this fifteenth day of April in the year of our lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen, personally appeared before me the undersigned John M Haupt residing in the City of Baltimore aged sixty seven years, an applicant for a pension under the 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 and then and there made the following declaration on Oath by me administered that he enlisted in the Town of Boston in the State of Massachusetts about the year 1777 in Capt. Le Barts [sic: Claudius de Bert's] Company in Colonel Armons [sic: Charles Armand's] Legion, that he continued under said Captain until he said Le Bart was appointed as Capt. of Horse, when Lieutenant Brown [Jerome Le Brun de Bellecouer] was promoted to the command of the company, and deponant served under his command, as Armorer until the close of the war, when he was discharged at York Town, Pemsylvania in the year 1783. The discharge, was a printed one, with a red seal, but who signed it deponant cannot recollect – that about four years after deponant got his discharge, he put the same into the hands of Reuben Ettings together with a power of attorney in favour of Solomon Etting then living in the Borough of Lancaster in the State of Pemsylvania for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land which had been promised by Congress. Mr. Etting has not at this remote period any recollection of what become of it – but deponant together with Francis Venotree, since deceased and James Starr [pension application S35087], who has since removed from the City of Baltimore, substantiated their several claims and identifying each other as the persons who had served in Col Armans Legion during the Revolutionary War – which authenticated papers were delivered to Colonel Peter Little then and at present a Member of Congress from Baltimore County for the purpose of having the same adjusted at Washington, and which deponant presumes are filed in one of the Offices in the department of War – he further declares that there are none of the officers or privates who served with him under said command, now residing in the City of Baltimore within his knowledge, and that his name hath never been inscribed on any pension list, therefore hath none to relinquish, that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support –

[signed] John M Haupt

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore Court

Be it known that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 personally appears before me the undersigned Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court, James Starr aged about sixty one years, a resident of the City of Baltimore aforesaid, who being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith, "that during the revolutionary war he was in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment from the early part of the year 1780 until the first of November 1783, when he was discharged from Cap. Briffett's [sic: Augustine Briffault's] Company of Fusileers in General Armans Cour, or Polakis Legion [sic: see endnote]. That he well knew John Mathias Haupt at Christianna Bridge [probably Cooch's Bridge on Christiana River in DE] acting as a private in Captain De La Berts Company in James Town with deponent – that he was in the constant habit of seeing him in the service from the above period say some time in 1780 until he was honorably discharged at York along with deponent in 1783 having served out the period of his enlistment and within deponents certain knowledge in the actual service of the U. States on the Continental establishment three years & upwards. That they have been in habits of intimacy ever since and that he well knows said Haupt to be in reduced circumstances dependent on his personal exertions for subsistance and stands greatly in need of the assistance of his country for support.

James Starr Corp'l In armand's corpes

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On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 [several illegible words] declaration made on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1818 John M Haupt on Oath declares after his enlistment in Boston in 1777 he was marched under the command of Col Armand to the White Plains [NY] from thence to West Point and then returned again to the White Plains Col Barnat or Barmouth of the Refugees Corps had been taken prisoner but broken his parole [promise not to fight again] the Commander of the Americans was desirous of retaking the said Barnat when he John M. Haupt with thirty others volunteered their service under the brave Col. Armand and penetrated into the Enemies lines, surrounded by the Hessian troops and took the said Col (or Major) Barnat with his guard and returned in safety within the American lines. The Prisoners were afterwards lodged in the jail at Elizabeth Town [probably NJ], and they returned to winter quarters in [illegible] in the State of New Jersey. The spring following (April [1779]) we were marched with the German Battalion to Wyoming [near present Wilkes Barre PA, scene of a British-Indian massacre 3-4 Jul 1778] where the troops [illegible word] few provisions and other comforts for more than a[?] month no relief was obtained until the troops made a Rind[?] from Wyoming to East Town [Easton PA] where their wants were supplied. Proctors Artillery [Col. Thomas Proctor's Pennsylvania Artillery] joined them, subsequently he was marched to the Head of Elk [now Elkton] in Maryland where they took shipping and sailed to Petersburg in Virginia from there through North Carolina to Cambden in South Carolina in which Battle he fought [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] being attacked in the [illegible word] the day before the main battle [sic: about 2:30 AM the same date] by the advance of the Enemy the American advance were compelled to retire until they were joined by the main army under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates the fate of the Battle is too well known to need a detail of the unfortunate events. After the Battle the survivors of the Legion assembled at Hillsborough [NC] from whence they were marched to Richmond, under the Command Major Schaffner [sic: George Shaffner], Col. Armand being dispatched to France as he understood for clothing – subsequently his commander returned and joined him and marched from about four miles of Winchester in Virginia and guarded Prisoners which were marched to Frederick Town in Maryland, where the Prisoners were left and from thence marched to York in Virginia [illegible word] I was discharged at the final close of the War. [signed] John Matthias Haupt

State of Maryland }  
County of Baltimore }

[12 Feb 1820] I, John M. Haupt aged Sixty Seven years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven I enlisted in the army of the revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of three years, and served in the company commanded by Captain Le Brunn (during the War) and in the regiment called Polaski's Cour of Horse under command of Colonel Armand of the [blank] line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty three, when I was regularly discharged from the said Corps regiment, commanded by Colonel but then ranking as Brigadier General Armand

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement. 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 to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever: therefore, Know all men by these presents that I, John M. Haupt aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint the Honorable Peter Little [the rest grants power of attorney to Little]

[signed] John Matthias Haupt

State of Maryland, Baltimore County Sct

On this Twenty ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appears before me the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said County John Matthias Haupt aged sixty six years or thereabout, an applicant for a pension under the lat 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" as also a claimant of bounty Lands due him for said service, who being by me duly sworn deposed and saith "That he enlisted into the service of the United States, at Boston in the State of Massachusetts some time in the year 1777 or 1778, as a private Soldier in the Company commanded by Captain De La Bert in Colonel Armands Cour, which was denominated "An Independent Cour," formerly "Polaski's" and not considered as belonging to any particular Line. That he entered for "Three years or during the war," and that at the expiration of three years, Colonel Armand left it to his option to receive his discharge or serve out to the end of the war, but expressed a wish that he would continue in the service, to which he assented and did continue to the end of the war in the year 1783 when he received at York Town in the State of Pensylvania a printed discharge with a red seal, but by whom signed he does not now recollect, but presumes it to have been by Colonel Armand or Major Schoefner, or both – at which period he was under command of Cap Le Brun who had succeeded to the command of the company formerly commanded by Captain De La Bert. Deponent perfectly recollects that his discharge contained a clause promising him "such other emoluments as might hereafter be granted by the United States" – which discharge he this deponent saith he delivered together with a power of Attorney to Reubin Etting former Marshal of Maryland for the purpose of looking after the claim – who said he sent them on to Major Alie or some such name at Reading and that they had been long since lost or mislaid

[signed] John Matthias Haupt

United States of America

Maryland, District Ss:

ON this Fourteenth day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, in the District Court in and for the District of Maryland John M Haupt aged about sixty seven years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted in the Town of Boston & State of Massachusetts in Capt. De La Perts [sic: de Bert's] Company, Col. Armands Legion, late commanded by Gen'l. Count Polaski. That after Capt. De La Pert was removed to the command of a Troop of Horse, Capt Le Brun succeeded to the command of the Company under whom deponent continued to serve to the close of the war, and was discharged at York Town in Pennsylvania in the year 1783.

That he hath been placed on the Revolutionary Pension Roll of the Maryland Agency at the rate of \$8 per month, as will appear by Certificate No 16,586 dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1820, and pay commencing 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and 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 so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 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 and by me subscribed.

Schedule referred to within, viz:

Real or Leasehold property none

one old Bureau, half a dozen chairs, a small parcel of Crockery ware, one stove, three or four pots & kittles, some wash tubs & buckets – the whole except beds & bedding would not sell for fifty dollars

\$50.00

That I am by profession a segar maker but now nothing to do & in real distress. That my family consists of my wife named Elizabeth aged 60 years, a daughter named Mary aged 23 years subject to fits and helpless, Mathias aged 21 years, having no business remains with deponent without affording him any assistance, Eliz'r age 19 years unable to support herself by her needle, Joseph aged 17 years an apprentice

who by contract is boarded by deponent, Rosanna aged 15 yrs bad health and unable to support herself, Rosallia aged 12 yrs is dumb & helpless and Catharine aged about 10 yrs. That he is in extreem reduced circumstances and would be unable to keep a House were it not for the assistance received from his pension –  
Jno M Haupt

NOTES:

Gen. Kazimierz Pulaski of Poland arrived in Boston in July 1777 and volunteered his services. On 28 Mar 1778 Congress authorized him to raise a Legion (combined cavalry and infantry), which he did mainly in Baltimore from Hessians who had deserted the British ranks. Haupt may himself have been a Hessian who stayed behind when the British evacuated Boston on 17 Mar 1776. Armand was initially a Colonel under Gen. Pulaski, but later in 1777 he was permitted to organize his own legion. After Pulaski was mortally wounded on 9 Oct 1779, the remnant of his Legion was absorbed into Armand's Legion.

On 22 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Haupt, 87, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John M. Haupt in or about 1789 by a Lutheran minister named Peter Kurg in Frederick MD, that she had a son still living who was born on 20 Jan 1792 and baptized in the Catholic church to which she and her husband belonged, and that her husband died on 12 Aug 1836. The file includes an "Extract from the Baptismal Record" of the Cathedral of Baltimore, transcribed below. On 15 May 1843 Elizabeth Haupt, 93, applied under a later pension act.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1794, was baptized George, lawful son of John Mathias and Elizabeth Haupt, born January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1792; Sponsors, S. Nussear and C. Fitzgibbon.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1794, was baptized Mary, lawful daughter of John Mathias & Elizabeth Haupt, born February 19<sup>th</sup> 1794; Sponsors, Peter Walter and C. Mashan [Christiana Mashan].