

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Paitsell (Bassel) W3858
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Mary Paitsell PA

I Jacob Paitsil of Botetourt County in the State of Virginia 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 time I was a private in Capt. Samuel Moors [sic: Samuel Moore, pension application W3107] Company in the third Regiment of the Pennsylvania line & I further declare that I afterwards received certificates 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 on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the pension List of the United States witness my hand this 20th day of December in the year 1828.

Jacob Paitsil

State of Virginia }
County of Bedford } [20 Dec 1828]

Samuel Coulter [Samuel Colter, S39352] aged 73 years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he was an Ensign in Capt. Samuel Moors Company of the third Regiment of the Pennsylvania line commanded by Col. Thomas Craig on continental Establishment, deponent further saith, that he enlisted Jacob Paitsil for during the war in the fall of the year 1777 at Rees Tavern in the county of Burks in the State of Pennsylvania, deponent further saith that said Paitsel served faithfully in said Company & Regiment until this deponent was compelled to leave the Regiment, by a wound received at Monmouth in the year 1778 or 1779 [28 Jun 1778] soon after which deponent was sent to Virginia with a company of Artificers & was appointed Superintendent of the United States Laboratory at New London in Bedford County Virginia, that after being discharged in 1783 as deponent was on his return home he overtook the aforesaid Jacob Paitsil the identical Jacob Paitsil who now makes application for pension, sick near Annapolis from whence he was discharged & on his way home also. Deponent further says that he carried said Paitsils napsack and for many years after had said Paitsils discharge in his possession which this deponent at the request of said Paitsil deposited in the Auditors Office of State of Pennsylvania where this deponent believes it is now on file forwarded for the purpose of drawing some arrears of pay supposed to be due to said Paitsil deponent further saith that he deponent is now pensioner of the United States & further saith not.

Sam'l. Coulter

NOTES:

On 28 Dec 1828 Jacob Paitsell gave his mailing address as Chambless Store in Bedford County.

On 4 May 1842 Mary Paitsell, about 79, resident of Franklin County VA, applied for a pension stating that as Mary Cashman she married Jacob Paitsell in Berkeley County VA about the fall of 1788, and he died on 4 Nov 1840. She also stated that her husband had lost his pension certificate, "being a careless & somewhat dissipated man," and that the family record translated from German below was written by "an uncle by the name of Christian Black." It was also certified that the family record was written in a book written in German dated 1784. Her declaration was witnessed by her son, Martin Paitsell, and by Harriet Paitsell.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 8 Dec 1790 by Jacob Bassel and Peter Myers for the marriage of Bassel to Mary Kershman, both of Berkeley County.

On 30 Nov 1844 Mary Paitsell, said to be still 79, made the following statement to explain the marriage bond dated after the birth of a daughter: "she was married to the said Jacob Paitsell in Martinsburg in the County of Berkely state of Virginia in the fall or winter of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety and she further states that in explanation as to the family record which accompanied her former declaration if it is necessary to obtain her rights that she should make acknowledgements, she frankly acknowledges an intercourse with Jacob Paitsell before he became her husband."

On an application for bounty land dated 5 May 1855 Mary Paitsel was said to be 90. The application was witnessed by Harriet Paitsell and Eliza Ann Paitsel.

Because of poor spelling and handwriting the following translation is uncertain.

In the year of Christ 1790 [several undeciphered words] Sara [the rest undeciphered]

In the year of Christ 1793 on 25 August is born to Jacob Bassel a daughter named Lisabeth Bassel