

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Staley W6179

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State of Virginia County Frederick: SS

On this 26 day of October 1838 personally appeared before me James R Brooking a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Barbara Staley aged eighty 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 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," That she is the widow of Jacob Staley who was in the service of the United States sometime during the revolutionary War, but from old age and the loss of her memory she cannot state how long he was in the Service, nor whether he served in the regular Army or the militia of that she has often heard her husband Jacob Staley state that whilst in the service he was taken a prisoner in that battle with his Captain (whose name was Peter Taite) with a number of others and whilst a prisoner, the prisoners were fed upon bread mixed with lime that his Captain and many of the prisoners died her husband being sick at the time did not eat of the bread and he believed he escaped death in consequence of not eating of the bread, that her said husband Jacob Staley marched from the County of York State of Pennsylvania but she cannot state the name of the place where he marched to or performed duty neither can she name the year or years he was in the service but she recollects that whilst in the service he was commanded by General Michael Swope. She must refer to testimony of accompanying this declaration for the proof of the Service of the said Jacob Staley her husband aforesaid. She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Staley fully fifty-four years ago. She was married in Shepherdstown in the County of Berkeley & State of Virginia, She has no certificate, or any records of her marriage and she does not know of any [that] can now be found, that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Staley has been dead 30 odd or 40 years that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the year 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Barbara Staley, X her mark

The Deposition of Daniel Staley aged sixty-eight years; Testifies that he well recollects that Jacob Staley his Father and Jacob Staley and Peter Staley his brothers, was drafted and served a tour of duty in the early part of the revolutionary war in the Pennsylvania Militia and marched from York County State of Pennsylvania through the State of New Jersey to either long or Staten Island in the neighborhood of New York City, they were commanded when they marched from York County by two officers by the name of Peter Taite and \_\_\_ Finley he cannot state the grade of the officers, he does not know how long they served in this tour of duty, but he does know that Peter Staley received a pension from the government of the United States for the services performed in the aforesaid tour of duty. That Jacob Staley Jr after having served out this first

tour of duty, then entered into the Flying Camp of Pennsylvania (he does not know whether he enlisted or volunteered) and served a second tour of duty, he cannot state how long he served in the second tour of duty but he well recollects that in both of the tours he served nearly twelve months, and that whilst in the service he was taken a prisoner by the Hessians upon Long Island. He further testifies that his Father and Brother Jacob Staley removed from the State of Pennsylvania to Berkeley County State of Virginia some time previous to the siege of York town in the State of Virginia and that Jacob Staley his brother volunteered and marched from Berkeley County Virginia and served a third tour of duty at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at the siege of Yorktown in the year 1781: he cannot name any of the officers that commanded him in this last tour of duty neither can he state how long he served in this last tour of duty he states that in the first two tours of duty the said Jacob Staley Jr. served as a Fifer; and he further testifies that the said Jacob Staley, Jr., was married to Barbara Staley fully fifty-six years ago that the said Jacob Staley Jr. has been dead 35 or 40 years leaving Barbara Staley his widow and that the said Barbara Staley has remained his widow ever since that period.

Given under his hand this 19th day of October 1838

S/ Daniel Staley, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service for 6 months as a private in the Virginia militia.]