

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Hyre W7856

Elizabeth Hyre

f74VA

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State of Virginia, County of Lewis

On this 20th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Lewis, Jacob Hyre, a resident of Lewis County in the State of Virginia aged Seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In Hampshire County in the State of Virginia in the month of May in the year 1778 he volunteered in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Robert Cunningham, Ezekiel Bogard Lieut. was marched to Remney [sic, Romney] in the said County was there attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Van Meter [perhaps, Garrett Vanmetre, also spelled Garret Vanmeter], thence marched to Fort Pitt arrived there in the early part of the Summer of 1778 the day or month not recollected by thinks it was in June, was at Fort Pitt attached to the army commanded by Genl. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. From Fort Pitt descended the Ohio in boats and canoes (some part of the army by land) to the mouth of Big Beaver Creek was here stationed and built a Fort, called Fort McIntosh, remained stationed here until the beginning of Winter in the year 1778, then returned to Fort Pitt, and was there (at Fort Pitt) discharged by his Captain Robt. Cunningham some time in the month of December 1778 having served as a private militia man 7 months.

In Hampshire County in the State of Virginia on the 14 day of June 1780, he was drafted as a private in a company of militia commanded by Capt. __ Skidmore [probably John Skidmore], was marched to Richmond by way of Winchester, was there attached to a Regt commanded by Col. Stricker Genl. Campbell—was stationed here 3 months—was on the 27th day of Sept. 1780 discharged by Capt. Skidmore, Served this tour 3 mo. & 15 days.

In Hampshire County in the State of Virginia on the 9th day of Aug. 1781 he was again drafted as a private militia man and placed under the command of Capt. Jesse Berry was marched to Capon from thence to Winchester Va. Was there stationed to guard the provisions at

¹ This file does not contain the original application. There is no indication what happened to it other than that probably ended up in the files of W. G. Singleton, District Attorney, who investigated fraudulent pension claims. See C. Leon Harris' transcription of the pension file of [David W. Sleeth S6111](#) for full details of Singleton's activities.

the Winchester Barracks under command of Col. Hopkinson remained here until the 22nd day of Nov. 1781 was then discharged by Capt. Berry served this tour 3 mo. & 13 days as a private militia man.

In February in the year 1782 in the County of Mongalia [sic, Monongalia] in the State of Virginia he volunteered under Capt. George Jackson as a private Indian Spy—was stationed at a Fort on Buchanan [sic, Buckhannon River] River now Lewis Co. Va. and from thence was engaged as an Indian Spy in ranging and spying through the countries now Lewis, Harrison, Wood & Nicholas Counties—was on the 5th day of November 1782 dismissed by Capt. George Jackson having served 10 months.

In Monongalia County in the State of Virginia in February 1783 he again volunteered as a private Indian Spy under the same Capt. (Geo. Jackson) was stationed at the said Fort on Buchanan and served until the end of the Revolutionary War in spying in the same manner and through the same countries as in the year 1782—but as Indian aggression did not terminate with the British was he was not dismissed until the beginning of Winter 1783.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia on the 25th day of May 1757 was living there when first called into service, moved to Monongalia Co. Va. in the fall of 1781 to the settlement on Buchanan, has lived there ever since. Was in no general battles.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) Jacob Hyre, X his mark

The following are his answers to the Interrogations prescribed by the War Dept.

1st . In Hampshire Co. Va. on the 25th day of May 1757

2nd . My age is recorded in my Father's Bible which is in my possession.

3rd . When called into service I was living in Hampshire County Va. & in Monongalia Va.

4th . The second and third tours I was drafted -the first, fourth & fifth I volunteered

5th . At Fort Pitt I was acquainted with Genl. McIntosh, Col. Broadhead, Col. Van Meter, Capt. Cunningham - the two former were regular officers - the latter militia. At Rich. Va I knew Genl. Campbell, Col. Stricker - At Winchester Va Col Hopkinson.

6th . I received a discharge at the termination of the three first tours, the first signed by Capt. Cunningham the second by Capt. Skidmore the third by Capt. Berry, which are all lost at the end of my services as an Indian Spy was dismissed.

7th . I am known to John B. Drake and Robt. H. Lowther who reside in my neighborhood & can testify to my character for veracity &c.

We John B. Brake and Robert H. Lowther residing in Lewis County and State of Virginia hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jacob Hyer [sic] who has subscribed and sworn

to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy six years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John B. Brake

S/ Rt. Lowther [Robert H. Lowther]

[p 7: "The original papers in this case Sent to W. G. Singleton, US Dist. Atty. VA Aug. 9, 1834."]

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Jacob Hyre, Pensioner age 76 years. Served two years

called at the House of Jacob Hyre on the 29th June 1834 & received from him the statement here following to wit –

Says he is 77 years old next August, that he served in McIntosh's Campaign in the Western part of Pennsylvania for three and a half months, that he marched under Captain John Harriss, whose company Rendezvoused at Romney Hampshire County, that on returning from this campaign to his place of residence (Mill Creek Hardy County) he lay sick all winter, was extremely ill – that eighteen months or two years (not certain as to time) after he served under McIntosh as before stated, he volunteered & went to Winchester Frederick County Virginia to guard the Prisoners taken at the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown, and was in that service three and a half months, this was all the Service he claims, whilst he lived on the east side of the Allegheny Mountains. – That when he marched in Macintosh's campaign he was in his 19th year of age, that when he left Hardy County and settled in Lewis (then Randolph) where he now resides, he was in his 26th or 27th year of age, (this was in the year 1783 or 1784) that after his removal to Lewis County, say eighteen months or two years, he was out scouting against the Indians in Western Virginia for eight months. – In this latter service don't recollect who was commander, but supposes it was Edward Jackson, he Jackson furnished the man with beef and corn meal. – Hyre further stated that Robert H Lowther wrote his declaration, that it was written at his Hyre's own house. Lowther to get with him, don't recollect whether he Lowther read it after it was written, but of one thing he is confident: that the Statement made to Lowther of his revolutionary and other Services is Substantially the same, with that now given, and that he only served the Services here detailed, & that if his declaration claims for other or further Services he has been imposed upon.

We the undersigned were present when the above statement was made by Jacob Hyre to W. G. Singleton of his Hyre's Revolutionary and other Services. – After the statements was written and read to said Hyre, he said it was all 19th 1834

S/ Nathan Goff

S/ Jno. B. Brake

I the undersigned Jno. B. Brake at the request of W G Singleton do certify that some two or three days previous to the one which Robert H Lowther called at the house of Jacob Hyre to write his declaration for a Pension, I was at said Hyre's House and heard him detail to said Lowther his (Hyre's) revolutionary and other Military Services – on that occasion the said Hyre gave precisely the same history of his Military Services which he has this day given to said Singleton, and which is appended to this certificate and witnessed by the undersigned – the undersigned distinctly recollects that said Lowther brought to said Hyre's House a declaration already written,

and when the old Gentleman swore to it, he Lowther remarked that he had only sworn to the substance that he Lowther should make some little amendment before he sent it on. – Lowther told the undersigned that he had contracted with Henry Jackson (a son-in-law of Hyre's) for procuring a pension for Hire [sic], and that by the terms of this contract, he Lowther was to have fifteen dollars certain and all that he could get over and above fifteen months service for the first year,

Given under my hand this 19th day of June 1834

S/ John B. Brake

Note. Jno. B. Brake is the son-in-law of Jacob Hyre's

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Hyre is an old and infirm man & hard of hearing – he seems to be an Honest & Frank man. I have no doubt about the statement given by him. I believe it to be strictly true.

All which is Respectfully Reported

S/ W. G. Singleton, Special Agt.



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State of Virginia, County of Lewis: SS

On this the Thirty first day of March Eighteen hundred and forty three Personally appeared before David S. Haselden a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Hyre formerly Elizabeth Powers a Resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty three years Widow of Jacob Hyre deceased 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 an act of Congress passed July the seventh Eighteen hundred and Thirty eight entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows.

That she is the Widow of Jacob Hyre who was a Private in the war of the Revolution and Pensioner and who died she thinks in March Eighteen hundred & forty one. She has often heard her Husband the said Jacob Hyre before his death spoke of being in the services during the Revolutionary war but cannot say what battles he was engaged in with certainty But would Refer to the evidence upon which he established his claim. That she was married to the said Jacob Hyre in the County of Hardy in August Seventeen hundred and Eighty three by Parson Powers and that she was married to the said Jacob Hyre by Publication and she cannot produce any marriage bond or license as there never was either and that she has Remained a widow ever since the death of her above mentioned deceased husband as will more fully appear by Reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

Elizabeth Hyre, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me

S/ David P. Haselden JP

[p 14: On May 10, 1845 in Lewis County Virginia, Eve Clark gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Jacob and Elizabeth Hyre before their marriage; that she saw them married in August 1783 in Hardy County Virginia by Valentine Powers, a regular minister; that they lived together as man and wife until Jacob Hyre died about March 6, 1841. She signed her affidavit with her mark. p 15: At the same time, William Clark gave a supporting affidavit in which he

states he was not present at the marriage but was well acquainted with Jacob and Elizabeth; that they raised a large family of children and that he has no doubt they were legally married.]

[p 26: On May 14, 1845 in Lewis County Virginia, John B Brake gave testimony that Jacob Hyre died March 6, 1841.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a spy for 7 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]