

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Kepps (Kipps, Kips)<sup>1</sup> W7993 Elizabeth Kepps f27VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/18/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

### State of Virginia County of Shenandoah

On the 10 day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Shenandoah now sitting Jacob Kipps a resident in the County of Shenandoah & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November last 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under Captain Robert Cravens of the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid as a drafted militia man for the Term of three months on the \_\_ day of April 1778 and was marched to Tigers Valley [Tygart's Valley] in Virginia then Augusta County against the Indians and left the service on the \_\_ day of July following was in no engagement during his term of service and that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge. He further states that he entered into the United States service the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1780 as a drafted Militia man under the command of the above named Robert Cravens for the Term of three months and was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina he has no recollection of the Regiment nor Commandant thereof to which he was attached that was under the Command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] of Virginia from thence he was marched to Guilford court house, Solsborouh [Salisbury], Sharlotte [Charlotte], and the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina at which place he was discharged on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year \_\_ and that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge, was in no engagement during this term of Service. He further representeth that he entered the United States Service the third time as a drafted Militia man on the \_\_ day of September 1781 for the Term of six months (having been drafted previous to that time but being unable to march on account of indisposition he had to serve two tours) under Captain Coaker [Michael Coger?] from the said County of Rockingham, and was marched to York in Virginia where he was attached to Captain Tabbs Company of Artillery he was at the siege of York and capture of Cornwallis. After the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he was attached to Captain Ewels [sic, Ewell's ?] of Dumfries Company and marched to Portsmouth he has no recollection of Regiment &c to which he belonged while lying at Portsmouth he volunteered with about sixty other men under the command of Major Dick to cross the River and scoured the County of Princess Anne in search of Tories from Portsmouth he was marched to Richmond at which place he continued in service until the \_\_ day of March following at which time he obtained an Honorable discharge which has

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been mislaid or lost. David Oroarks [David O'Roark's] Testimony will prove his first Service against the Indians and George Kipps Testimony will prove his second & third service.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Kips, X his mark

[Philip Cline, a clergyman, and J. Pennybacker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

David Oroark<sup>2</sup> being first sworn according to law do hereby certify that the above named Jacob Kipps entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Robert Cravens of Rockingham in the State of Virginia as a drafted militia man for the term of three months on the \_\_\_ day of April 1778 and was marched to Tigers Valley in Virginia against the Indians and left the Service on the \_\_\_ day of July following (that he entered the service at the same time as a drafted Militia man and marched in the same company under the same Captain Cravens and acted as first Sergeant in the company that the said Jacob Kipps with part of the company was stationed at Westfall's Fort. He further states that he then lived in the County of Shenandoah within two miles of the place where the said Kipps lived in Rockingham. That he the said Oroark marched in the place of his brother Philemon Oroark [Philemon O'Roark] he was drafted &c

He further certifies that he recollects well of the said Jacob Kipps entering the service of the United States the second time as a drafted militia man for the term of three months and was marched to the Carolinas, but do not recollect the day or month exactly when he entered the service but believes it to be the time mentioned in his declaration further he saith not.

S/ David [the Court's seal obliterates the balance of his

signature]

[Acknowledge to September 1, 1832]

1. When and where were you born?

A. I was born the 11 November 1760

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

A. My age is recorded in the family Bible, but my brother has that Bible with him in Montgomery County Virginia.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?

A. In Rockingham County Virginia; since the year '86 I have lived and now live near New Market in Shenandoah County Virginia

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

A. The first three months I served as a substitute for Jacob Moyers, then next three months I was drafted, and the third time I was drafted for six months.

5. State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. There were no regular officers in the expeditions against the Indians in Tigers Valley. General Stevens is the only regular officer whose name I recollect as also that of General Green

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<sup>2</sup> Sic, [David O'Roark W5450](#)

[Nathanael Greene presumably] whom I have frequently seen, I do not remember the Continental or Militia Regiments in the Carolinas, At the siege of York I remember to [image of this page cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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and I saw many Officers whose names I do not now remember.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

A. The two first times I never received a written discharge, After the expiration of my 3<sup>rd</sup> term of service, I received an Honorable discharge from Captain Ewel in the city of Richmond Virginia which I have either lost or mislaid.

7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for veracity, and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. David Oroark served with me in the first tour against the Indians, my brother George Kips knows of my being called a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time into service. John Zircle [sic, John Zirkle], John Newman, Samuel Tidler have known me for a long time and who I have no doubt will testify to my Character for veracity and good behavior.

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have known Jacob Kips for many years and that we believe him to be a man of strict veracity & know him to be a man of good behavior.

S/ Johannes Izard

S/ John Newman

S/ Samuel Tidler

[p 11: On November 24, 1851 in Shenandoah County Virginia, Elizabeth Kipps, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Kipps, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum which he received up to the date of his death on April 20, 1849; that she married him January 24, 1786 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Her application is acknowledged before John D Zirkle, JP]

[p 13: On September 28, 1855, Elizabeth Kipps, 89, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jacob Kipps.]

[p 10: Certification by the clerk of court of Shenandoah County Virginia showing that records in his office show the following:

"This to Certify that Jacob Gibbs [sic] and Elizabeth Zerckle were this day Joined in holy matrimony according to the law. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1786."

On p 13 is another version of this same certificate in which the groom is referred to as Jacob Kipps and the bride as Elizabeth Zirkle.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Note: On page 25 of this file there is a certificate dated May 13, 1833 and given by Moses Walton, J.P., that David Oroark and George Kips are credible witnesses, but I did not find in this file an affidavit given by George Kips.]