Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Wysong W18463 Mary f47VA
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[State of Virginia Jefferson County]
On this 7th day of March 1839, Mary Wysong of Jefferson County Virginia aged eighty years, who from bodily infirmity is unable to travel to Court, personally appeared before me Isaac R Douglass Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Jefferson County Virginia, which is a Court of record, who being duly sworn, 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 Wysong a drum Major of the Army of the revolution, that she has heard her late husband speak of his services, but that from extreme old age her memory is so impaired that she cannot remember the names or dates. That she was acquainted with the said Jacob Wysong in Pennsylvania before he removed to Virginia and knows that he served in the Army before he came to Virginia, having joined it [at] York Pennsylvania – That after his first tour he came to Virginia and went with a recruiting party to Staunton – that he was out at various times, under different commanders and served for a long period; although she cannot say how long he served, she thinks she may safely say he must have served at least three years altogether. The only documentary evidence she has of his services or the certificates of discharge herewith exhibited, but she knows he served at other periods – She remembers his having gone out on several services against the Indians.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Wysong in Shepherdstown, then Berkeley, now in Jefferson County Virginia on Easter Monday 1783 [April 21, 1783], the day of the month she cannot remember. That her husband Jacob Wysong died on the 7th September 1823 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Mary Wysong, X her mark

[f p 4: Peter Fisher, 76, gave testimony that in 1783 he was living in Shepherdstown Jefferson County Virginia (then called Mecklenburg in Berkeley County Virginia); that he became acquainted with Jacob Wysong and Mary Byers who removed from Pennsylvania to the town of Mecklenburg (now Shepherdstown) he remembers when they were married in the year 1783; that they lived together as man and wife and raised a large family of children; that Jacob Wysong died in 1823.]

[f 17]
December the 18 1778
By order of Generral [sic, General]
M'Intush [Lachlan McIntosh] I do hereby Discharge
Jacob Wiassong having Served
his Tower of Duty in Cornal [Colonel]
John Morrow's Battalion in
my Company [indecipherable word] Melitia [Militia]
S/ Jo's Swearingen Capt.

Jacob Wysong Drumer on the
8th Virginia Regt. in hereby
Discharged from this Regt –
Given under my hand this 10th
day of May 1777
Afrm Bowman, Col.
of 8th Virginia Regt.
[f p. 23]
I do hereby certify that Jacob Wysong hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of Allegiance and fidelity as directed by an act of General Assembly entitled an act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this state above a certain age to give assurance of Allegiance to the same and for other purposes.
Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of September 1777
Berkeley County Virginia      Godwin Swift [Seal]

[f p 25]
May 13th 1777
The Bearer Jacob Wysong drum Major to the 8th Virginia Regmt is hereby [paper torn] mitted [permitted] to pass to Virginia
Leonard Cooper Lt. [Leonard Cooper]
Jacob Wisong Having applied for his discharge from the Company of Infantry under my Command is hereby discharged from said Company under my Command Given under my hand this 6th day of May 1797

S/ Abm Morgan, Capt.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of $22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service of 6 months in the Virginia militia as a drummer.]