Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

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Pension application of Jacob Storm R10229

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State of Indiana, Scott County

On this seventh day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the judges of the Scott County Circuit Court held in & for the county of Scott aforesaid now sitting (the same being a court of record), Jacob Storm a resident of the county of Scott in the State of Indiana aged seventy years last June, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States about the 7th day of February in the year 1780, under William Goodson a recruiting Lieutenant for three years and served in the regiment under the following named officers Colonel _ Skillard, in a company commanded by Captain _ Mills, and continued as an enlisted soldier during the three years, he resided in Botetourt County Virginia at the time he enlisted and entered the service and remained there until August, he was then marched to Andersons Ferry on the James River where he was inspected by a board of officers and received into the Continental service, he then received a furlow to return home and to remain in readiness until further orders and he further states that he held himself in readiness during the three years for which he enlisted and that he never was called upon during the three years aforesaid for which he enlisted. He further states that at the time he was recruited into the service and received his furlow to return home, a man whose name he cannot now recollect, offered to hire and employ him as a substitute to take the place of his son who was drafted a militia tour, and then and there offered him a negro slave between twelve and sixteen years of

age to take the place as aforesaid which place as a substitute this affiant wished and was anxious to take, and thereupon went with Capt Goodson (who was to interfere & intercede for him) to the board of officers who inspected & recruited him into the service, and wished to know of them if he could not take the place of this man as a substitute, they thereupon informed him that he could not take the place of a substitute as he was enlisted and could not serve two masters at the same time, and must hold himself in readiness when called upon. 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, as this is his first application he ever made for a pension.

S/ Jacob Storm, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Ward, Clerk

Catherine Ferguson aged about eighty eight years resident of the county of Scott in the State of Indiana who upon her oath doth certify that she is well acquainted with Jacob Storm, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that she believes him to be seventy years of age, that she was known to him listing in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war and believes about the time named in his declaration, that she assisted her father to make clothing for said Jacob Storm at the time he went into the service, and from her personal knowledge of the fact, and concurring circumstances, she has no hesitation in believing that he was a soldier of the revolution.

S/ Catherine Ferguson, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Ward, Clerk

The State of Indiana, Scott County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said county Jacob Storm the forgoing named applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the cause of his name not being found upon the Virginia Rolls, but he can swear positively that he was regularly enlisted for three years as stated in his declaration, and that he continued & remained an enlisted soldier for the full length and term of three years for which he enlisted as a private soldier, that at the time he enlisted he was informed that there was a call for troops in the South, and he enlisted with the intention of marching there, and at the time he rendezvoused at Anderson's Ferry on James River it was with the intention & under orders as he understood & believes for making preparations for marching to the South but on the day they rendezvoused at Andersons Ferry he was informed that the officers had received orders that the call for troops in the South had abated & was not needed, consequently his services not then being needed he with all his company received furlows to return home & remain in readiness when called on, that he held himself in readiness

during the three years for which he enlisted and was not called upon to perform duty, the cause why he was not afterwards & during his enlistment, drafted, he believes was owing to his not being enrolled in any militia company, being considered a regular enlisted soldier for three years. He further states according to the best of his recollection he served as private soldier in a company of regulars commanded by Capt Mills for three years as stated in my declaration aforesaid and for such service he claims a pension he further states that he was born in York County Pennsylvania the 3rd day of June 1762, I have no record of any age, I never received a regular written discharge from the service, I can name Kindred Ferguson & Catherine Ferguson who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

[Catherine Ferguson and Kindred Ferguson give standard testimony.]

[Jacob Storm's application was rejected as he "was not in actual service."]