

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph Eichelberger R3272 ½ Christina fn40NC
(Eckelbarner, Hackelbänder, Ackelbarner)

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State of Ohio, Clermont County

On this 17th day of November A.D. 1834 personally came in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County Joseph Hackelbänder a resident in the County of Hamilton & State aforesaid aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

1st The said applicant states that he was born near Harrisburg in the State of Pennsylvania on the 11th of February A.D. 1747

2nd That he has a record of his age at his residence in a family Bible that belonged to his father –

3rd That when he was called into service he resided near Harrisburg in Pennsylvania -- After the war he removed to Beesontown in the same State where he remained until about 44 years since when he removed to said County of Hamilton where he has ever since resided

4th That in the first tour of his service he served as a substitute for his father Martin Hackelbänder & in all his subsequent tours he volunteered –

5th That in addition to the officers under whose immediate command he was the new Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- Gates, Wayne -- Lafayette & many others whose names he does not now recollect.

That in the month of June A.D. 1776 near Harrisburg in the State of Pennsylvania he entered a company of militia commanded by Captain Jacob Lowry which was in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Morgan as a substitute for his father Martin Hackelbänder -- who had been drafted in said company for six months. That during this term of service he was in that part of the American Army under the immediate command of General Washington and after serving as a private for the term of six months he was discharged by his Captain near Trenton in New Jersey. That before his discharge he was engaged with the British in a skirmish near Philadelphia & afterwards in December of said year was with the Army when Washington crossed the Delaware (captured 1000 Hessians at Trenton New Jersey[])

Applicant states that after the expiration of the first Tour of his service he immediately volunteered for six months in the same company & Regiment commanded by the same officers. He was then near the town of Trenton and the State of New Jersey. He remained with the American Army doing duty as a private soldier until he had served out his tour of six months when he was honorably discharged by his said Captain near the City of New York & returned home

That in the month of August A.D. 1777 he again volunteered for the militia near

Harrisburg Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain John Lapps & in the Regiment commanded by __. Soon afterwards his company joined the American Army under the command of Washington. He was actively engaged in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown & after serving out the entire period of six months for which he volunteered in marching from place to place in the Eastern part of Pennsylvania & in the State of New Jersey -- he was honorably discharged by his Captain & returned home.

This applicant further states, that in December A.D. 1779 -- he again volunteered in the Harrisburg aforesaid for six months service -- under Captain Lapps. That soon after he entered the service he marched under the command of his said Captain to South Carolina where said company joined that part of the American Army commanded by General Lincoln. The Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Campbell. He was present at the siege of Charleston & at the capitulation of General Lincoln & was himself made prisoner at the same time by the British. He remained a prisoner about three weeks -- when he was exchanged -- & set out for his home -- That when he had gone as far as Camden he became alarmed at the numerous bodies of Tories which infested the country & again volunteered at that place for six months -- in a company commanded by Captain Williams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell. Soon after he volunteered General Gates took the command of the southern Army -- & this applicant was in the Army when that General was defeated in August 1780 by the British. After serving out his whole term of six months this applicant was discharged by his said Captain.

That the Tories were still very numerous in the country through which he would have to pass on his way home -- & supposing that he would be as safe in the service as out of it he again volunteered at Hillsboro North Carolina for six months in the company commanded by Captain Williams & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell. General Greene during this term of his service had the command of the southern Army. That he was in the battle at Guilford Court house in March 1781 -- where the American Army was defeated -- After the battle the scattered Americans were again collected under the command of General Greene. After serving out his said term of six months he was again honorably discharged by his Captain.

At the expiration of the last term of this applicants service he again volunteered for six months under the same officers -- & served out the whole term -- That during the last tour the part of the Army to which he belonged marched into Virginia from North Carolina where he volunteered -- & he was present during the siege & at the taking of York Town -- & the capitulation of General Cornwallis. After serving out his said tour of six months he was honorably discharged by his said Captain & returned home. He was discharged near Winchester barracks Virginia --

6th That he received three written discharges -- one after his second term of service one after his third tour & worn that when he was finally discharged after the taking of Yorktown -- all of which he has since lost -- After all over terms of his service he was verbally discharged.

7th There is no clergyman in his immediate neighborhood but William Read Josiah Prickett & others residing near him & many others he thinks will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

That this applicant resides in Hamilton County Ohio near the line between that & Clermont County & makes his declaration in the latter County because it is more convenient for him to come to the table York where the courts of record are held of Clermont than to [several words obliterated] the County seat of Hamilton He has no documentary Evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he could prove his services unless his sister Mary Read recollects the circumstances. Said Mary resides in said County of Clermont.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares, That his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. D. Morris, Clerk

S/ Joseph Hackelbander, X his mark

[William Read & Josiah Prickett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

On this 18th day of May 1850 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared John Eichelberger, alias Hackelbander, a resident of said County, aged 57 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 provision made by the Acts of Congress above named, or any other acts under which he may be entitled:

That he is the Son of Joseph Eichelberger deceased sometimes called Hackelbander, and sometimes Eckelbarner, or Ackelbarner; and of Christina Eichelberger, deceased, who was the widow of the said Joseph Eichelberger; that his Father, the said Joseph Eichelberger, alias Hackelbander, alias Eckelbarner, or Ackelbarner, was, as he has always been informed, a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served, as he believes, to the close of the said War; that he has often heard his said Father relate his services in said War, but is not able to give the particulars of said service; that his said Father applied for a Pension some 20 or 25 years ago, but did not succeed, as he believes, because his name was spelled on the Rolls differently from what it was spelled in said application; that his said Father sent to the Pension Office such evidence as he could then produce, and probably his application was under the Acts of 1818, or 1828, above referred; that his said Father died on the 10th day of December, 1845, and always insisted to the end of his life that he was entitled to a Pension and urged this Declarant to prosecute the claim; that his Mother, the said Christina Eichelberger, whose maiden name was Heighley, died of Cholera on the 17th day of June 1849; that in or about the month of September last (1849) sundry new papers were prepared and placed in the hands of one Sila S. Barnes of Cincinnati, for the purpose of obtaining said Pensions; and this Declarant can hear nothing of said Barnes nor what disposition he has made of said papers: This Declarant therefore desires that the Department will not recognize the said Barnes as Agent of said Claim; and that all the papers of his said Father and Mother may be examined. He further swears that his said Father and Mother were married in the year 1784, as appears from a Family Register now in the possession of this Declarant; that this Declarant being uneducated and not able to write, cannot say what papers the said Barnes took, but presumes they proved the facts above stated; and that the principal object of this Declaration is to obtain an examination of all the papers relating to the claims of his said Father and Mother and to learn what further is necessary, so as to know whether to incur the expense and trouble of obtaining Letters of Administration for the Estates of his said Father and Mother, and other papers which may have been omitted when the papers referred to were prepared for the former applications.

This Declarant further states, that having heard that a Revolutionary The land Warrant had been granted to the heirs of a man named Martial Geisenseider, alias Martin Kycenseder or Keisenseder said a Soldier in Armand's Corps, he believes he has heard his Father the said Joseph Eichelberger mentioned said Geisenseder's name is having served with him.

Sworn to and Subscribed, by making his Mark, the day and year aforesaid Before me,

S/ David T. Snelbaken, JP

S/ John Eichelberger, A his mark

State of Ohio, Clermont County

Personally came in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Clermont County Ohio Mary Read -- who being duly sworn says that -- she is the sister of Joseph Hackelbänder -- the above applicant for a pension aged about 82 years -- That she was living with her father Martin Hackelbänder when her said brother volunteered as a substitute for her said father in the Pennsylvania militia -- That she recollects the fact that said Joseph Hackelbänder volunteered as a substitute for his father near Harrisburg That sometime after the said Joseph entered the United States Army his father moved to the vicinity of Salisbury in the State of North Carolina -- That her said brother Joseph was absent from home not less than five years during the war of the American Revolution & she is well satisfied that during all that time -- He was in the American Service while living in North Carolina the family frequently heard from her said brother & all accounts that were heard of her said brother stated him to be in the American Army -- This deponent has frequently heard her brother since his return giving an account of his services as a soldier of the revolution & that these accounts all correspond with his declaration hereto annexed which she has heard read -- That she does not recollect the time of the year at which her brother went into the Army nor the names of the officers under whom he served -- but she is positive that he was in the service -- That in the first instance he went out as a substitute for her father -- That he remained absent not less than five years & in the meanwhile she always heard from him as being in the American Army -- She is well satisfied that his declaration is true.

S/ Mary Read, O Her mark

State of Indiana, Jennings County

On this 12th day of December 1839 personally appeared John Grinsted before me Benjamin H. Cravens an acting Justice of the peace within & for said County who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he was acquainted with Joseph Hecklebänder a revolutionary Soldier in Colonel Morgan's Regiment, and that afterwards this affiant knew the said Hecklebänder at the Battle of Guilford Court House under General Greene and he further saith that he knew the said Hecklebänder aforesaid at the Siege of York under General Nelson and further this affiant saith that he was acquainted with the said Hecklebänder for at least three years in the regular service and further that this affiant verily believes that he the said Joseph Hecklebänder is the identical man as above described and that he this affiant saith that during the time aforesaid he was in the regular service himself and receives a Pension as such and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Grinstad

State of Ohio Hamilton County

The affidavit of William Rickles¹ of Newport Campbell County Kentucky made in order to support the application of Joseph Ecklebarner of Hamilton County State of Ohio for a pension under the law of June 7th, 1832

The said William Rickles on this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord 1844 personally came before me the undersigned authority and made oath in due form of law that he the said William Rickles is according to the best of his information and belief 84 years of age or will be between this date and the Christmas next hereafter that he cannot state the exact day of his birth -- that he now resides in Newport in Campbell County State of Kentucky and has resided there for upwards of 10 years now last past. That he was born in Pittsylvania County in

¹ FPA R8790

the State of Virginia and while he was residing in said County either in the same year or the year next after the battle was fought at Guilford Court House in North Carolina he entered the service of the United States as a Private under Captain Joseph Morton of Pittsylvania County Virginia and marched under his command to Guilford Court House one John Long was the Sergeant that commanded this deponent General Greene was lead Commander of this deponent -- in this deponent was drafted into the militia and served as a militia man -- While this deponent was in the service aforesaid he this deponent saw the said Joseph Ecklebarner now here present and whom he is informed and believes is an applicant for a pension in actual service as a Soldier -- and conversed [?] with him and was frequently in the Company of the said Joseph who then and there informed this deponent that he the said Joseph was in the standing Army and this deponent then verily believed that he was in the standing Army and yet believes that he was then and there in the standing Army of the United States -- & said Joseph was then and there uniformed and otherwise equipped as a soldier of the United States in said service. This deponent remained at Guilford Court House North Carolina in said service about two or three weeks and while he was there as aforesaid the said Joseph Ecklebarner was also there in service as above stated -- This deponent had not seen said Ecklebarner from the time he lived said Service until about three or four weeks ago when the said Joseph Ecklebarner came to the dwelling house of this deponent in Campbell County Kentucky and this deponent there saw him and as soon as [indecipherable word] he this deponent salt said Joseph Ecklebarner he remembered and yet remembers am well to be the very same person he this deponent salt as aforesaid at Guilford Court House North Carolina and distinctly states that the present applicant is the identical person he this deponent then and there salt and said service as aforesaid.

This deponent is well acquainted with the Honorable John W. Tibbatts -- Representative in Congress from Campbell and other counties Kentucky and refers to him to State the character of this deponent for truth and veracity.

S/ William Rickles, X his mark