Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hotselpeller (Hotspeller)(Hotspiller) VAS1616 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Virginia County of Frederick: Sct.

Be it known that before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Philip P Booker and made oath in due form of law That he was well acquainted with George Hotspiller, That the said Hotspiller Enlisted into the Army of the United States to the best of his recollection and belief sometime in the year of 1779 or 1780, that he the said Philip P Booker Enlisted the said Hotspiller and paid him a part of the bounty money, the said Hotspiller was enlisted to serve for the term of 18 Months. That he has often heard it spoken of that the said George Hotspiller died whilst in the Service of the United States, and that Joseph Hotspiller his Brother is now all and the only heir at law of the said George Hotspiller deceased.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of June, 1838 S/ Henry W Richards, JP

This day came Lewis Vebrit [?]¹ being of full age & made oath that he was a Soldier with George Hotspiller in the Virginia Service & that George died, as he thinks in August last in the Town of Petersburg & further saith not.

Sworn before me this 3rd day of April 1780

S/ Lewis [illegible]

State of Virginia County of Frederick: SS

Be it known that before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Richard and made oath in due form of law That he was well acquainted with George Hotspiller, that he well recollects that the said Hotspiller Enlisted and

The staff of the Virginia State Library interpreted this name as "Lewis Valent" as reflected on the index card for this file.

went as a soldier in the revolutionary War, That he has often heard that he the said Hotspeller died whilst in the service of the United States and he believes the same and that Joseph Hotspeller his Brother is now all and the only heir at law of said George Hotspeller deceased to the best of his recollection and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of August 1838 S/ [indecipherable signature], JP

[Note: Correspondence in this file from Thomas Monroe as attorney for Joseph Hotzelpeller or Hotselpeller to David Campbell, Governor of Virginia, spells his clients last name variously as set forth in this note.]