Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia document pertaining to Joseph Koon (Coon) VAS1748

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Harison County [sic: Harrison County VA] Ss

This Day Come Joseph Koon before a Justis of the peas for sd county and made oath on the Holy avengalest of almighty God that he never recivd any Sattisfation for the time he Served as a Spye [against Indians] under the Command of James Booth

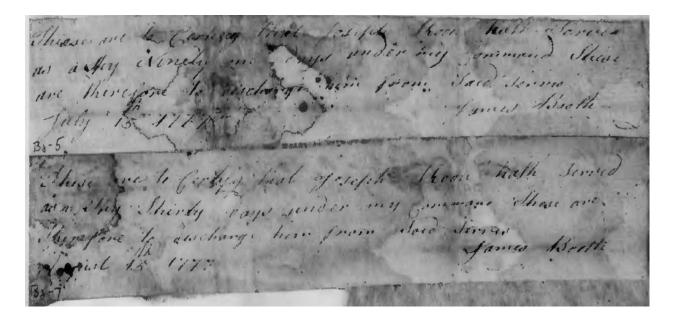
Sworn before me this 29th day of October 1795 John Hall

To the Honourable the Speaker & other Members of the General Assembly.

The petition of Joseph Koon of the County of Harrison humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner served as a Spy in the County of Monongalia (now Harrison) one hundred and twenty one days as will more fully appear by two Certificates from under the hand of James Boothe then Captain of a company of Militia in the year 1777 at one Dollar per day and being Ignorant of the mode or manner of recovering the abovesaid sum have heretofore neglected or omitted making any application to Government for the same untill last Session of assembly when I petitiond that Honourable house for relief in the premises who I am told passed a Bill in my favour through the house of Delegates but for some reason unknown to me it was lost in the Senate. Your petitioner however from the Justice of his Claim still hopes that your Honourable House will take his Case under your wise Consideration and grant him such relief in the primises as to you shall appear to be Just and right and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Joseph Koon/ 29th Oct'r 1796

[In different handwriting:] Nov. 14 1796/ Claims/ Reasonable



Thiese are to Cartify that Joseph Koon hath Served as a Spy Ninety one days under my command Thiese are therefore to discharge him from said servis

James Booth

July 15th 1777

These are to Certify that Joseph Koon hath served as a Spy Thirty days under my Command These are therefore to discharge him from said servis

James Booth

August 15th 1777

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Gl. Wood's information [probably Gov. James Wood] that it was formerly customary for spies to have a dollar per day Were appointed sometimes by Executive [i.e. Governor] & sometimes by the Coty Lieut [County Lieutenant; the Colonel commanding a county militia] – furnished themselves.