Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Hoover S10842 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Pendleton County SS

On this 6th day of November 1833, personally appeared before me William McCoy Jr. a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Jacob Hoover, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-two 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer, and served as is herein stated. –

That on the 5th day of September 1779 as near as I can now recollect, I being at that time a resident of the County of Rockingham Virginia was drafted and served a tour of three months as a private, in the Company of Captain Robert Davis of the Virginia Militia. I was marched from the County of Rockingham aforesaid to the West Fork of the Monongahela [River], and there stationed in Lowder's Fort, where I continued to serve until the expiration of my 3 months term of service when I was discharged by Captain Davis.

Afterwards, on or about the 10th day of May 1780, I was again drafted to serve a second tour of three months against the British in the Eastern part of Virginia in a Company of Virginia Militia of the County of Rockingham aforesaid under the command of Captain ___ Noll [William Nolle or Nail]. I joined at the said Company at their place of Rendezvous, at Harrisonburg Virginia; but fears being entertained that the Tories in that part of the country where I resided would commit some depredations during the absence of so many men as had been drafted from that neighborhood; (a brother of mine Lawrence Hoover having been killed by them a short time previously). I was sent back by my commanding officer Colonel Smith, with instructions to serve out my three months term of service in the neighborhood where I resided, in watching the movements and guarding against the Tories which service I faithfully performed, under the immediate orders of Captain John McCoy and Robert Davis of the Militia of Rockingham County Virginia. I thus served faithfully fully 6 months during the War of the Revolution as a private in the Virginia Militia. I am now old infirm and poor need the assistance of my country and believed myself justly entitled to the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. I have no documentary evidence of my services never having received a written or printed discharge. One Tour of three months against the Indians on the waters of the Monongahela under the command of Captain Robert Davis, I expect to prove by the testimony of someone of the men who served with me.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Jacob Hoover, X his Mark

[Burton Blizzard and Thomas Hoover gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Pendleton County: SS

I Burton Blizzard¹ a resident of Pendleton County Virginia do hereby certify that in the latter part of the year 1779 (as nearly as I can now recollect) I served a three months tour of duty as a private in the Militia of Virginia on the waters of the Monongahela in the company commanded by Captain Robert Davis of the County of Rockingham, and that Jacob Hoover who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration was also a private in the said Company and served as he states during & until the end of the said term of three months service. And I also further certify that I have good reason to believe from my own personal knowledge that the said Jacob Hoover served as he states a second tour of three months against the Tories in the then County of Rockingham under the orders of Captain John McCoy and Robert Davis.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of December 1833 before me

S/ Burton Blizzard, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

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