Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roley Jacobs S36617 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Sct.

On the 19th day of October 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the sate [sic, State] aforesaid personally appeared R. Jacobs aged sixty-five years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled, "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Floyd and that he was enlisted for one year at Winchester in ____ the state of Virginia on or about the 21st day of January 1774 [sic] and served in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan afterwards General Morgan, and was attached to Rifle Regiment at Boston commanded by Colonel Arnold [Benedict Arnold] & from thence marched to Québec [December 31, 1775] where he was taken prisoner, in which condition he remained nine months - that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army against the common enemy until about the 1st day of January 1776 [sic, probably intended to be 1777] & owing to his captivity he never received a discharge from that enlistment. That on January 21, 1777 he enlisted again for three years and was commanded by Captain Charles Porterfield and was attached to the rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel D. Morgan – the last enlistment took place at Winchester Virginia and he served till the 9th February 1780 and was honorably discharged by Colonel B. Ball which discharge he sent to the War office & has not seen it since and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; & that he has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge; other than that which is here transmitted,

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

William Jacobs sworn at the same time and place deposes that he is the brother of the aforesaid Roley Jacobs was to his knowledge enlisted under Captain Morgan and that he started for Québec & state upwards of one year – That he recollects his enlisting again for three years under Captain Porterfield as above detailed, and he recollects of his serving till the year 1780 – when he was discharged which he recollects to have seen. That his brother is poor and that all his property in the opinion of the witness which he holds would not exceed 100 dollars in value & that he really, owing to his age and infirmity, needs the aid of his country –

S/ Benjamin Mills, Judge

Kentucky Floyd County Sct.

Roley Jacobs a Revolutionary pensioner late a private in the Army of the Revolution and inscribed on the pension list roll of the Kentucky Agency, at the rate of \$8 per month to Commence on the 19th day of October 1818 which Certificate issued 6th September 1820 renders the following schedule, to wit, one horse beast worth \$25, two cows & calves at \$24, one yearling bull at \$5, one sow and 13 pigs at \$6, one small feather bed and furniture at \$8 and two hoes at one dollar and two old axes at \$3 and one hand ax one dollar. Witness my hand & Seal this 16 October 1820

S/Rolly Jacobs

I Rolly Jacobs solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Rolly Jacobs

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 19, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]