Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon (Simeon) Hagar S8686 Transcribed by Will Graves f8NC rev'd 12/5/15 & 9/8/20

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: September the 28th day A.D. 1833

On this 28th day of September 1833 personally appeared before me Daniel Crouse an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Simon Hagar a resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina aged 78 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the County of Tryon North Carolina, now Lincoln County, in the Company of Captain Peter Sides as a volunteer for the term of three months, that he served in various parts of the State against the Tories in what is now Rutherford County, in Lincoln County, in Mecklenburg and Rowan County – that he continued in the Service for [one] month after the Term of the three months service had expired, making four months that he served as a volunteer under Captain Sides and was discharged at Salisbury North Carolina. That he entered the service sometime in the spring of the year 1780 or '81 as well as he recollects – that he entered the service again sometime in the summer of the same year four weeks after the four months service before mentioned had terminated – in [word obliterated] now Mecklenburg County North Carolina under Captain John Baker as a volunteer – that he marched through South Carolina and joined the Southern Army a few weeks after General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and after serving for three months was discharged at a place called the Hanging Rock about 10 miles from Camden South Carolina. That he afterwards served two trips of about two weeks each in guarding prisoners to Salisbury N. C. who were taken there for trial as Tories against the Country.

That he was born in Tryon County North Carolina (now Lincoln County) in the year 1755. That he has a written record of his age in a family Bible. That he was living in Tryon County N. C. when he entered the service (now Lincoln) where he has lived ever since, and where he now lives. That he entered the service as a volunteer each time. That there was no Army to which he was attached during his first service larger than the Company in which he served, they some time united with other Companies who were endeavoring to suppress the Tories. That he was in no particular engagement during his Service, that he joined the main Southern Army near Camden in his last service. That he received written discharges for his service from the captains under which he served but that he did not know that they would ever be of any service to him – he therefore neglected to take care of them, & does not know what has become of them. That he is acquainted with Da [balance of name obliterated, but the annexed certificate is signed by one Daniel Eaker] Eaker, and Colonel Abram Mooney & John Vick who

live in his present neighborhood, who can give their opinion as to his services in the revolutionary war and also to state his character for veracity. That there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood neither is there anyone with whom he has such an acquaintance as would enable him to give the necessary certificate. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State; that he is unable to prove his services by any documentary evidence or in any other way than by his own oath.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ David Grouse, JP

S/ Simon Hagar, X his mark

[Daniel Eaker, John Vickers & Abraham Mauney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

This Day Personally came Abraham Forney² of the State and County aforesaid before Jacob Henry one of the Justices of the Peace for the said County and after being sworn in due form of law states that he the said Abraham Forney was in the Service or campaign for the benefit of the liberty & freedom of the United States in Company with Simon Hager [sic] Commonly called big Simon the State and County Aforesaid & into which Service Both the former Abraham Forney and Simon Hager Entered or Commenced on the twenty fifth of March in the Year of Our Lord 1781; Commenced at rendezvous at Robin Allison's under Captain Aspey [Samuel Espey], from thence Marched into the County of Mecklenburg: And there Joined General Poke [sic, Lt. Col. William Polk's] Army who then conveyed them down near Camden at Rukeleley's Mills [sic, Rugeley's Mills] and there were put under the command of Colonel Dudley – And after staying there some considerable time under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] the said Abraham Forney States that he was conveyed by the same stated Dudley some distance from the Army as picket the said A. Forney acting as Sergeant where he remained about two days from whence when he returned the greater Part of the Army was Removed by the above stated Aspey, Dudley and Greene and the said A. Forney then fell under the Command of a certain Colonel Marshel [Marshall?]: and by those means was separated from the above named Simon Hager: he thinks sometime in May of the above stated year: and can state no more about him.

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of October 1833. S/ Jacob Army, JP

S/Abra. Forney

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 28 days in the North Carolina militia.]

[Note: there is a South Carolina Audited Account file number 3201 under the name of Simon Hager, but all 5 of the images posted from that file are illegible as posted online.]

Abraham Forney's affidavit appears to relate to another veteran by the name of Simon Hagar (Hager) who also lived in Lincoln County North Carolina. See <u>Simon Hager (Hagar) R4424</u>. The latter Hager claimed service under Colonel William Polk.

² Abraham Forney W3976