Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Case W1819

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District of Indiana Ss.

On this 3^d day of January 1820 before me the subscriber president of the second Judicial Circuit in the district aforesaid personally Came William Case aged sixty seven years resident in Washington County in said district who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of a late act 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 the said William Case Enlisted into the service of the United States on the [blank] day of July 1776 in the Town of Winchester State of Virginia in the Company of Capt. Abraham Shepherd and that the officer who enlisted this declarant informed him that they were to be attached to Colo. Stinsons Regiment [sic: Hugh Stephenson's Virginia and Maryland Rifle Battalion] that he never saw Colo. Stinson that he was informed that Colo. Stinson had died [fall 1776] and that Colo. Rawlin's [sic: Moses Rawlings] did Command the Reg't. to which he was attached and in which he serv'd that he was taken prisoner the latter end of the fall or begginning of the Winter following at Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] near Kings bridge on York Island [Manhattan] that all the Reg't. were also taken who were then fit for duty that Colo. Rawlin's Regiment belonged to the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment that he enlisted for the term of three years that after he was taken prisoner that he remained a prisoner in New York two or three weeks and was then put on board of a prison ship where he continued some time and was then paroled after subscribing a paper in nature of an oath not to fight again until regularly exchanged that he was then landed at South Amboy State of New Jersey and being very low in health was sent in a waggon to Mount Holley Hospital where he continued some time and was then removed to the Hospital in Phyladelphia where he continued some time not exactly remembered and after he was able to go about he joined Jacob Hillsim Waggon Master Gen'l. that after driving waggon about two months he joined Biddle Waggon master Gen'l. at morris Town [sic: Morristown] New Jersey with whom he also served about two months when he was discharged by said Biddle and not having been exchanged he was permitted to return to his father's in Redstone settlement State of Pensylvania [then considered part of Virginia; now Brownsville PA] being absent between fifteen and twenty months that he held himself at all times in readiness to join his Company whenever informed that he had been exchanged he never after joined the regular Army altho he served on four regular Campaigns against the Indians and one Tour of duty besides in the Militia In the Continental service he was no other Battle than the one in which he was taken prisoner as above stated that he has no other evidence to establish his aforesaid services now in within his reach other than the deposition deposed of Nicholas Russel herein forwarded And that he is in low circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support.

State of Indiana } Sct Washington County }

Be it remembered that on this thirty first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one personally appeared in oppen court (being the Circuit Court of the said County of Washington in the second judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid and a Court of record) William Case aged sixty seven years resident in said County of Washington State and Circuit aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that his first Declaration which was made in form in order to obtain the provisions 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 was made before the Hon. Davis Floyd president of the second judicial circuit of the State of Indiana on the third day of January in

the year 1820 and that the statements was in said Declaration herewith accompanying & exhibited and sheen to the said Deponent are true except balance of his age which as first taken in said Declaration he then being as he estimates his age (being born in 1753) in his sixty seventh year and not aged sixty seven. The said Deponent further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed (to wit) One mare twelve years old blind of an eye, two second rate cows and calves twenty one head of hogs One sprouting hoe, one weeding hoe, two axes, one loom one flax wheel, one cotton wheel, three Beds and bedding and a few other articles of house hold furniture of small value. That there is not due to him exceeding two dollars and that he is indebted to the amount of Seventy or Eighty Dollars, that he has in family his wife Rebecca Forty or Forty one years old his son James aged 21, Squire aged 18 Washington aged 11 and Uriah aged 3 years and his Daughter Malinda aged fifteen Hannah thirteen Betsey nine Ruth seven Sally five and Rebecca 1½ years. That the said Depont has for about five months past been disabled from laboring entirely by rheumatism and pain and that since for several years had been much afflicted with rheumatic pains that the balance of his family are generally healthy that from their youth most of them and the eldest son claiming his rights on account of being out of his minority he is not enabled to live comfortably without the benefit of the act above named and this Deponent further deposeth that he has no knowledge of the evidence of any person who knows his services except Nicholas Russel whose deposition herewith accompanies that the only one who came out to reside in the State of Kentucky whose knowledge of his services this deponent is apprised of were the said Russel and Captain Jesse Davis [probably pension application W8652] who commanded a company in said regiment and who is deceased and Benjamin Hughs who was a private in said company to which the deponent was attached also deceased and this deponent who states that the officer by whom he was enlisted was lieutenant Bendinger his christian name he does not recollect positively but thinks it was Henry [Henry Bedinger, S8059]. That there were some other officers of said regiment whose names he recollects Captain [William] Brady and lieut Findley who joined his company with a party at Bergen New jersey but I know nothing at the present concerning them William hisXmark Case

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Jefferson County S.s. }

On the 2nd day of February 1822 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Nicholas Russell aged about seventy four years, and being a resident of the Commonwealth aforesaid in Bullit County who being by me first duly sworn according to law Deposeth and sayeth, that this Deponent and William Case were both serving in the Army of the United States, in the Revoletionary war in Captain Abraham Shepherds Company Colonel Rawlin's Regiment in the Virginia Line which Regiment was stationed at Fort Washington York Island. That when the fort was taken by the enemy on or about the sixteenth day of November seventeen Hundred and seventy six. This Deponent as also the s'd Wm. Case were taken prisoners by the Brittish and confined on board a British Prison Ship and being Confined about nine week the s'd. Wm. Case and this Deponent were Released on Parole by taking the oath not to serve against the British until Regularly exchanged this Deponent left the said Wm. Case very sick in South Amboy and never saw him afterwards during the war, but afterwards saw him at Redstone in Pennsylvania

P.B. This deponent saith that he enlisted in and about in and about the first day of September seventeen hundred and seventy six for the term of three years By Capt. Shepherd in Shepherdston under Col.

[signed] Nicholes Russel

Rawlins

NOTE: On 15 May 1849 Rebecca Case, 69, of Brown Township in Washington County, applied for a pension stating that she married William Case in Shelby County KY on 29 March 1798, and he died on 1 Nov 1827. On 21 April 1849 the Clerk of Shelby County wrote that no record could be found of the marriage of William Case and Rebecca Glover by Reuben Smith, a Baptist preacher, and he added the following: "I was well acquainted with Reuben Smith (a Good man & tolerable Good preacher, he resided near the Line between Shelby & Bullitt Counties. If the Lady was the daughter of Jonah Glover I knew him, And after his death the widow & children moved out of the County (where I do not know." On 23 Oct 1855 Rebecca Case applied for bounty land.