Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Engelhaupt (Engelhault) W2776 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Eva Barbara Engelhaupt

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State of Pennsylvania } Ss County of Crawford }

On this thirteenth day of August Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid John Engelhaupt of the State and County aforesaid resident in Summerhill Township aged seventy seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated Viz He enlisted at Reading Pennsylvania in the year 1779 in Captain Hare or Van Hares [sic: Bartholomew Von Heer Company of Light horse in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment of which Jacob Mytinger was first Lieutenant and Philip Sterling second Lieut't and that he continued to serve for three years the full term of his enlistment when he was discharged from the service of the United States in New Jersey at a place he does not now recollect and that his discharge is now lost – that he resided at Reading at the time of his enlistment – was at the taking of Stony point [16 Jul 1779] and at the Capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781]. that he marched from Reading to New Windsor on North River & returned from that to Reading to winter quarters – the next spring he returned to New Jersey was in the Battle of Elizabeth town point [6 Jun 1780] he returned to Reading and [undeciphered word] at Sinking Spring – we lay some time at Potts grove. I knew Gen'l. Pulaski and was under his command & Col Bosey or Posey [sic: Baron de Boze] who was killed at Egg harbor [5 Oct 1778] and others – was born in October 1756 in Saxe Gotha in Germany – he deserted from the British & enlisted first at Lancaster for one year afterwards at Reading

he has no documentary evidence of his service & he knows of no one now to prove his service. 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 after the war he continued to live near Kutztown Berks County Penns'a till about twenty nine years ago he removed to his present residence in Crawford County Penn'a where he has continued ever since [Signed in German Johanes engelhault]

State of Pennsylvania } County of Crawford } Ss.

On this twenty fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine, personally came into open court of Common pleas of said County, before Henry Shippen, President and Stephen Barbour & John H. Work associate Judges, thereof. Eve Barbara Englehopt, a resident of Summerhill township, in the County of Crawford aforesaid, aged sixty eight years on the 25 of November last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838; That she is the widow of John Englehopt who was a soldier in the army of the United States during the American Revolutionary war; that the said Englehopt was born in Saxony, Germany, October 2^d 1753 and came to the United States shortly after the commencement of the American Revolution and some time afterwards, but when, deponant cant say, enlisted for one year and served during that period, in actual service, under the command of General Pulaski – that after the expiration of that service, he enlisted again for three years, as deponent thinks, and served that period of time in actual service under General Washington, and was with him at the Capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown. The foregoing facts deponent had from her husband after their marriage and frequently heard

him speak of engagements he had been in, but the names of them with his other officers she cannot now from failure of memory, speak of, Neither does she know the places of his enlistment, but believes them to have been in or near to Philadelphia: that he made an application many years since to the Secretary of War for a pension which was granted him & which he drew till the day of his decease, December 25 1833 shortly after which time deponent made proof of his death & of her being his widow, in the Common pleas of Crawford County, and sent the certificate of his being entitled to a pension with the other requisite papers to draw the arrears of pension due at the time of his decease & which she subsequently received. Deponent refers to the application of her deceased husband, which she presumes must be on file in the Pension department at Washington City for proof of his services, she having no other evidence of the same, except what is contained in the annexed statements of Washington Sterling & Thomas McClure, both of whom were intimately acquainted with her husband for many years prior to his decease. She further declares that she was married to the said Englehopt on the 30th day of January 1785 in Berks County, Pennsylvania; evidence of which may be found in the annexed paper in the German language which she purchased of a pedlar and had filled up by him more than twenty five years ago who the pedlar was & where he died she does not now know; besides this she has no direct evidence of her marriage except as contained in the annexed affidavits – that she & her husband resided in Albany Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, till the year 1802 in May of which year they removed to Crawford County, where they lived together till the 25th December 1833 when her husband departed this life and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto Eve Barbara herXmark Englehopt annexed.

NOTES:

A payroll dated 19 March 1779 at York PA for the Company of Light Chasseurs commanded by Lt. William Roth in Pulaski's Legion lists John Woolf Engelhope as a Private whose pay commenced on 2 April 1778. A muster roll dated 27 July 1779 at Charleston SC for the First Company of Infantry commanded by Capt. Le Brun De Bellecour lists Johan Engellhault as a Private who enlisted for one year and deserted on 27 April 1779.

On 20 Feb 1844 Eva Barbara Engelhaupt stated that her husband had been a Private of dragoons. On 24 Jan 1839 Solomon Engelhault (as he signed), born on 4 July 1790 as the third child of John and Eve Engelhault with two older sisters, certified a record in German stating that Mr. Johann Georg Stumpf and his wife Elizabeth, nee Strasser, had a daughter named Eva Barbara born on 25 November 1770 in Albany Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania and baptized on 16 December 1770, that the baptism was witnessed by Jacob Stumpf, and that Eva Barbara Strasser married Johannes Engelhaupt on 30 January 1785.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of Eva Barbara Engelhaupt received her final pension payment up to the date of her death, 6 Aug 1844.