Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jacobs¹ W9071 Transcribed by Will Graves

Ann Jacobs

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 55]

We the undersigned practicing Physicians in Scott County & State of Kentucky do certify that we have been long acquainted with Mr. John Jacobs of the above named County & State. He being represented as a revolutionary soldier and a pensioner, we have examined him attentively and are well satisfied that his disability can never be remedied – his lower extremities have been entirely palsied which circumstance is said to have been produced by an injury in the lower part of the spine at a Battle at Dorchester South Carolina in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Alex. Reene S/ M. A. Faris Jany 11, 1828

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State of Kentucky, Scott County

On this 4th day of February 1833 came in person Before me John Price a Justice of the Peace for said County John Jacobs aged 70 years of age the 26th day of March next ensuing and he doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed May 15, 1828 that in the year 1780 he enlisted in the third Virginia Regiment of light dragoons under the command of Colonel William Washington, though he properly belonged to Col. Baylor [George Baylor] served in the third Troop and when I was discharged at that time I was commanded by Captain Henry Bowyer who once belonged to the first Regiment of Light Horse. The said Jacobs enlisted for during the war and served to the end – thereof he the said Jacobs enlisted at Fredericksburg Virginia for during the war. I was in the following General Engagements in the South at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under Morgan at Guilford [March 15, 1781] under Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six Siege [May 22 – June 19, 1781] under Greene the second Battle of Campdon [sic, Camden, a/k/a the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, April 25, 1781 under Greene also at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] under Greene and was in many small skirmishes I was in many dangerous Battles and Skirmishes in the time I served I was wounded four times which from the wounds I received caused to me to be a poor helpless Cripple for I have not walked one step on my feet since the 12th day of June 1784 which is a long time to remain a poor helpless Cripple the Honorable Richard M. Johnson now in Congress is well acquainted with me he knows I am a poor man and a helpless one my services has been proven before him so I being old and a Cripple my small pension allowed me is too little to keep me from suffering in my old age therefore I hope the Honorable house and Secretary of war will take into consideration my helpless situation and allow me something more as a small pittance I get is too little to [illegible word, "aid"?] as helpless situation as I am in and has been for 49 years the 12th of June next which is a long

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time to be a cripple and never to walk one step which I never received all my Bounty Prize money nor back rations of neither provision nor clothing I never got no land, being a cripple and not able to attend for my right I lost all I served my whole time of enlistment which was during the war, that he served as a private during the whole Revolution to the end. He further states that he is the identical man who is now on the invalid pension Roll of the United States he refers to the proof of the case to establish his now application that if that shall not be sufficient he will send a living witness to prove for he served in the same Regiment with me that I am the very Identical person. Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the [peace] in and for said County the day and year a aforesaid.

S/ John Jacobs

[Jacobs appoints William H. Todd as his attorney to pursue his claim.]

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State of Kentucky, Scott County

On this 20th day of May 1833 came in person before the County Court of Scott County then in Session John Jacobs aged Seventy years, on doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed May 15th 1828 – That on the __ day of __ but the in the year 1779 as he now thinks he enlisted as a regular Soldier in the Army of the revolution under Captain Boyer & for & during the war – That his Lieutenant was F. Dade – He served some time under Captain Boyer – and Captain Barrett [could be Barnett] – That he served in Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Horse throughout the war, from the time of his enlistment till the end thereof which was about 4 years – he thinks Colonel Washington's Regiment was the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment – That whilst in the service aforesaid Col. William Washington's Regiment of horse was some of the time under General Morgan's command-- at Guilford his Regiment was under the command of General Greene – at the battle of Camden, he was still under the command of General Greene – at the battle of Reedy River the Regiment was under command of Colonel William Washington – At the battle of Eutaw Springs he was under General Greene and also at Dorchester & likewise at 96. That he received 4 wounds in all the services aforesaid – that he has been on the pension roll of the United States before the Capitol was burnt by the British Army as an invalid caused by these wounds. That he has never made application heretofore to be placed on the pension roll for his services, except as an invalid aforesaid. That he served the time of his enlistment which was for & during the war in the capacity of a private. That he was discharged honorably in writing – and he thinks he had this discharge deposited at the Land office in Virginia where he had his Land Warrant issued for 200 acres of land for his services aforesaid. He says that he is the identical man who has been on the invalid pension roll of the United States has stated above, and he refers to the proof in said case to establish his present application, as well as the depositions herein enclosed.

He hereby relinquishes his claim to all over pensions for his services as a Soldier but did not that to which he has now entitled as an invalid; and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State in the Union except as an invalid as aforesaid. Sworn to & subscribed the date above.

S/ John Jacobs

John Jacobs

Sworn to in Open Court. Att: S/ Ben. B. Ford, Clk [p 38] The undersigned John Bridges² & Peter Brumback³ being first duly sworn in open Court, do state that they were & are well acquainted with John Jacobs & knows that he served in the revolutionary War under Col. William Washington as stated by him. Signed

Sworn to in Open Court

S/ John Bridges, X his mark

S/ Peter Brumback

peter Brumbach [p 17: On March 22, 1848 in Scott County Kentucky, Ann Jacobs, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of John Jacobs, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him February 12, 1784 as set forth in the family record in the hand writing of her husband

shortly after their marriage and continued by him to record the births of their children; that her husband died November 1, 1847 and that she remains a widow. She states that her name is shown on the family record as Ann but she is generally called Nancy. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Ann Jacobs, 87, filed in Owen County, Ky, on July 31st 1855, for her Bounty Land entitlement stating that she married John in Stafford County, Va., on February 12, 1785 [last digit unclear]; that her maiden name was Ann Price; and that her husband died November 1, 1847 in Scott County, Ky.]

[p 22: Bible Record:

John Jacobs was Born March the 26th Day in the year 1763

Ann Jacobs, his Wife was Born May the 25th Day in 1763

John Jacobs and Ann Price were Married February the 12th Day in the year of our Lord 1784

And we had A Son Born Named Zachariah Born November 24th day 1784

A Son Named William, Born September 19th Day 1787

A Son Named John, Born June the 7th Day 1789

A Son Named Matthew Born Sept 30th Day 1791

A Daughter Named Mary, Born February the 21st Day 1794

A Son Named Elijah Born May 21st Day 1795

A Son Named Allen Price Born A. D. November 29, 1797

A Son Named Benjamin Born March 6th Day 1799

A Daughter Named Elisabeth Born December in a27 day 1801

A Daughter Named Melinda Born May the 19th day 1804

Mary Jacobs Deceased this life July 23 day about four O'clock in the morning 1806 in the 12th year of her Age

A Daughter Named Nancy Born October the 24th day 1806

A Daughter Named Mary Born December 25, ?

Elizann Jacobs Born December 17th 1825 [in a different handwriting]

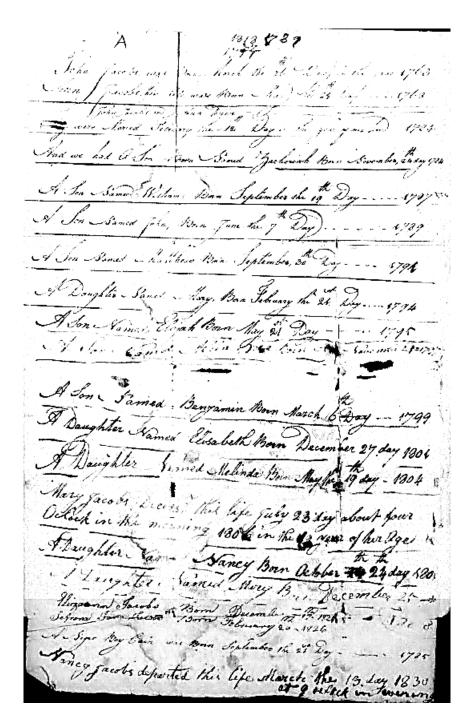
Illegible name Born February 20th 1826

A Negro Boy Cain was Born September the 21st Day 1785

Nancy Jacobs departed this life March the 13 day 1830 at 9 O'clock in evening]

Could be either John Bridges S47819 or John Bridges W4904, both of whom served in the Virginia service and later moved to Kentucky where they filed for pensions for their services.

Peter Brumback S31576



[p 3: Certificate dated April 7, 1848 given by the clerk of the court of Stafford County Virginia stating that records in his office show that John Jacobs was married to Ann Price on February 14, 1784 in said County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Cavalry of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

[Note: There are three separate files relating to a John Jacobs of William Washington's horse company.

I believe that they all relate to the above veteran. The following transcriptions were made from those files]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Scott County

The affidavit of Charles Neal [sic]⁴ taken at the house of James H Mahony in Georgetown on the 15th day of May 1815 before John Branham a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid – This Affiant being fifty-three years of age and duly sworn according to law saith that he served as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary war between the United States and Great Britain in the Virginia line on Continental establishment and in the Corps of Light Dragoons Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Washington. That he was then and still is well acquainted with John Jacobs now a Citizen of the County and who is now here present – that the said John Jacobs served in the same Corps of light Dragoons with this affiant from the time this affiant joined the same in the fall of the year 1780 or 1781 as well as this affiant now recollects until the close of the said Revolutionary War and further saith that the said John Jacobs was a private in said Court before this affiant joined the same but how long previous thereto this affiant is not able to say. This affiant further states that he the said John Jacobs was enlisted in the said Court as a private Soldier for and during the said Revolutionary war and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Charles Neil

Charles Steel

The affidavit of William Cardwell⁵ taken at the house of James H Mahony in Georgetown on the 31st day of March 1813 before John Branham a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid. This affiant being of lawful age and duly sworn according to law saith that he served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War between the United States and Great Britain in the Virginia line on Continental establishment and in the Corps of light Dragoons commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William Washington that he was then and still is well acquainted with John Jacobs now a citizen of this County and who is now here present that the said John Jacobs served in the same Corps of light dragoons with this affiant from the time this affiant joined the same in or about the year 1779 or 1780 until the close of the said Revolutionary War and that the said John Jacobs was a private in the said Corps enlisted for and during the said Revolutionary war and was duly discharged and further this affiant saith not.

S/ William Cardwell

William Cardwell

[Attested in Scott County Kentucky March 31, 1813]

State of Kentucky Scott County

I John Jacobs aged 60 years, a citizen of the United States do upon oath testify & declare that in the year 1780 I enlisted in the Army of the Revolution against the common enemy of my country for the term of "during the war" & served in the company of 3rd Troop commanded by Captain Boyer in the Regiment No. 3rd under the command of Colonel William Washington of the Virginia line; & that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war in 1783, when I was regularly discharged from the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Major Swan that Colonel being taken prisoner at the

⁴ Charles Neal W9587

⁵ William Cardwell W8590

Eutaw Springs. My discharge is lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement; I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever; therefore know all men [boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]

John jacoby

[Attested in Scott County Kentucky November 8, 1822]

John Jacobs of Scott County Kentucky [words obliterated and illegible] enlisted under Francis Dade Lieutenant in the third Regiment of Light Dragoons in Virginia commanded by Colonel William Washington for and during the war of the revolution and served until the close of the said war and was Honorable discharged at Winchester in Virginia Frederick County by Captain Murcow [?] As is set forth in my declaration for a pension and that I was promised one hundred acres of land by the United States which land I have not received and have been informed my name does not appear on the records among those who are returned as having entered the service for and during the War and served until the final Termination and I am unable to account for this omission as I do well know that I did faithfully served as is set forth in my Declaration and referred to the proof thereto annexed.

Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1839

S/ John Jacobs, X his mark

I Peter Brumback of Boone County State of Kentucky well known in Scott County states that I was in Colonel Washington's Regiment and that I well know that the said John Jacobs was a soldier in the same Regiment and enlisted for and during the War of the Revolution in 1776 and served until the close of the war and was Honorable discharged in 1783 all of which I well know of my own knowledge as I served with him myself. Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1839

S/ Peter Brumback