Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hiler X351 Transcribed by Will Graves

Jane Hiler

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Mount Pleasant, Henry County Iowa February 10th, 1854

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of the Pension Laws.

Can you inform me of the name & residents of any Revolutionary Pensioner who belonged to Captain Cleveland's Company from Loudoun County, Virginia in the Revolutionary War?

Mrs. Jane Hiler, widow of John Hiler deceased (who was a member of said company) wishes to make application for a Pension. Her husband did good service in the Running Tour & other places.

It is quite probable that his services appear upon the records in your office as it is believed he testified to the services of one Thomas Miner ² and said War, in case it does so appear in the application of Miner I suppose it will be unnecessary to procure further testimony. Please examine the application of Miner and advise me as to the course to be adopted.

Yours Respectfully S/ C. Nash

S. P. Waldo, Esqr.

Comr. of Pensions Washington

Pension Office February 22, 1854

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 10th instant I have to inform you that I am not aware that there is in this office any evidence of the service of Captain Cleveland' men of Virginia in the revolutionary war.³

Our files are arranged by states under the appropriate acts of Congress. If you will give the state from which Thomas Miner applied, and under what act, the case can be found if on our files.

[No indication of signature]

¹ Captain James Cleveland is listed as having served in the Loudoun County Virginia militia

² Thomas Minor W4494

³ Actually, there is in this database a number of VA veteran who claimed to have served under Captain James Cleveland. Those can be easily identified by searching "James Cleveland" using one of the dedicated search engines found on this website.

C. Nash Esq. Mount Pleasant Henry County Iowa

Of this letter was found in Rev. war claims of John Hiles S31125

In the claim of Thomas Minor W4494 the affidavit referred to in this letter was made in Jefferson County Ohio by John Hiler, the name as spelled in this letter. He did not say he served, but knew that Thomas Minor served. He did not give his age. His affidavit was made in 1821.

There were no endorsements of correspondence with C. Nash, the writer of this letter, but I found the reply and no other correspondence.

MMH

April 24, 1933