

Pension Application for Abraham Jaggar or Jaggor

S.31770

Pension Act of 1832. Declaration of Abraham Jaggar in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of Connecticut

Court of Hartford SS.

On this 5th day February 1833 before the Probate Court for the District of Hartford in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut being a Court of Record, having by law a Clerk and Seal, personally appeared Abraham Jaggar a resident of Weshtersfield in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut aged Seventy eight 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, June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain John Holabird, 1st Lieutenant John Davis, 2d Lieutenant Wm Havens as South Hampton [Southampton] in the County of Suffolk and State of New York on or about the June 1775; that said company belonged to a regiment of state Troops commanded by Colonel Philip Schuyler.

That he the deponent was enlisted for seven months, and continued to serve in the said Corps, until the month of June 1776 when he was made an orderly sergeant in the same company which was placed under the command of Captain David Parsons, in the same regiment which was placed under the command of Colonel Samuel Drake.

The former Captain John Holabird was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the same regiment under Colonel Drake—John Davis his former Lieutenant was made the Captain of another Company. I served twelve months under John Holabird from June 1775 to June 1776 and six months under Captain David Parsons—from June 1776 to the first day of December 1776 when I was discharged at Kingsbury in the State of New York. I was a private for 12 months and an orderly sergeant six months.

The deponent declares that he enlisted at South Hampton on Long Island where he then resided on June 1775 and was marched to Montary [Monterey] Point the property of the inhabitants from pillage & after remaining at Montary Point from about July until about the 8th of September 1775 we were marched to East Hampton and then returned home a few days to South Hampton to prepare ourselves for a northern campaign the latter part of September 1775 we sailed from Sagg Harbour [Sag Harbor] to New York, tarried there about two weeks and then sailed up the North River tarried to Albany from thence we took a land carriage to Fort George.

Crossed Lake George to Ticonderoga—tarried there 10 days then by order of General Schuyler we took charge of 500 prisoners and conducted the commissioned officers to Philadelphia and the noncommissioned officers, privates, women & children as far as Canaan in the State of Connecticut. I was a member of the guard that conducted the noncommissioned officers private &c to Canaan, this guard was

commanded by Lieutenant William Havens, but the guard which conducted the commissioned officers to Philadelphia was commanded by Captain John Holabird.

The prisoners remained at Canaan—and the guard returned to North River & went into barracks & above Poughkeepsie—staid there until middle of February about a fortnight. The deponent was ordered as one of a guard to take some prisoners at [Massachusetts?] which belonged to the ship Asia [? Blot] his service close to the first year or twelve months.

I was then made orderly sergeant & marched to New York and was on Long Island at the time of the battle in August 1776 soon after the battle we said over to New York from New York to Kings bridge 15 Sept 1778? from river to White Plains retreated to Peekskill and soon afterwards was discharged at Kings ferry.

I made application for a pension under the Act of 1818 and received a letter from the War Department dated January 12, 1829 rejecting my claim on the ground that I was not on the Continental establishment. That letter was returned to the Pension office [blot] in his letter dated August 9, 1832 and will probably be found [blot] documents on file in the War Department. The Hon. Elisha Phelps last a member of Congress from [blot] carried to was being [?] my orderly book and lodge the same in the office of the War Department. I believe in Dec 1820, O would refer to these documents & letters for evidence in my case.

And in reply to certain interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court, the deponent further declares,

1st. That he was born at South Hampton in the County of Suffolk and State of New York on the 8th day of September 1754.

That the day and year of his birth is recorded in a large Family Bible by his father and which is now in the possession of the son of the deponent.

3^d and 4th. That when he was called into service, he resided at the places or towns as herein before stated; and served in the manner set forth in the preceding declaration.

5th That the general circumstances of his service are detailed in the preceding declaration, and also the names of such officers, &c as he distinctly recollects.

6th That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7th That he is personally known to Alexander Grimes. The Reverend Calving Chapin, Walter W. Bulkley Esq & many others, who are respectable persons in the neighborhood where he now resides, and can testify as to his character for veracity, and slo their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And the said Abraham Jagger 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 and State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Abraham Jagger.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And

the Court further certifies, that it appears to them, that the Reverend Calvin Chapin is a clergyman in Wethersfield, and that Alter W. Bulkley and Alexander Grimes, Esq, whose affidavits are hereto annexed are credible persons, and that their statements are entitled to credit. William Whitman Clerk of the Probate Court for the District of Hartford do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the applications of Abraham Jagger for a pension. 5th February 1833.

Letter in folder dated February 13, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Jeremiah, Matthew, David and Abraham Jagger, also the record of Thomas Filer, same war.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of a claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of Jeremiah Jagger as described by you, or any soldiers named David or Matthew Jagger; other spellings of the surname have been used in the search of the records. The record of Thomas Filer, S.23219, which was furnished you on January 19, is that of the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this office. The record of Abraham Jagger has been found; his record is given below as shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.31770, based upon his service in that war.

Abraham Jagger was born September 8, 1754, in South Hampton, on Long Island, Suffolk County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown in this claim.

While a resident of South Hampton, New York he enlisted June 1, 1775, served as private in Captain John Hulgert's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York regiment, was on the north expedition and returned to Canaan, Connecticut, in June 1776; he was then appointed orderly sergeant, Captain Parson's Company of the same regiment, of which John Hulbert was the Lieutenant Colonel was in the battle of Long Island, and was discharged about December 1, 1776.

Shortly after this service, the soldier moved from Long Island, New York, to Rocky Hill, or Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 5, 1833, at which time he resided in Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, he has resided in that place ever since the war.

In 1833, Abraham Jagger referred to his son, but he did not give his name; the name of the soldier's wife was not shown.

In 1833, the soldier's brother-in-law, Alexander grimes, was a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut, then eighty-eight years of age; he stated that he had lived near Abraham Jagger ever since he came to Wethersfield, about 1777.