

Pension Application for John Stake or Stakes

W.20068 (Widow: Sarah Ball, widow of John Ball. Married February 4, 1784. John died March 24, 1798.)

B.L.Wt.2125-150- Cornet of VonHeer's Corps. Issued Sept. 4, 1790 to Gerrit H. VanWagenen, assignee. No papers

To the Memory of Capt. John Stakes, a brave and gallant officer of the late American Army, who died very suddenly of a wound he received in his foot from a nail, which brought on lock'd jaw, on the 24th of March 1798.

Great respect was paid to his remains on Sunday Afternoon, by the members of the Cincinnati, the Militia, and the citizens of this city. The procession was headed by the detachment directed to do the Funeral honors, commanded by Capt. Hulett, Arans reversed—the corpse next followed—the pall supported by Gen. Clarkson, Gen. Hughes, the Mayor, Col. Fish, Col. Giles, Col. Morton, Col. Stediford and Col. Swartwout. On the coffin were placed the Dragoon Cap, Sword and Pistols of the deceased. Then succeeded the mourners of his family—The Cincinnati as mourners:--Next, a numerous body of respectable citizens which last were succeeded by the officers of the Militia. It commenced from his house in William Street to Beckman street, up Beekman street to Broadway, down Broadway to Cedar street, and thence thro' Cedar street to the New Dutch Church years, where he was interred with Military Honors. The whole was conducted with great propriety, and does much credit to the gentleman who directed the execution of it. In the death of Capt. Staker, his family have lost an affectionate protector, and his country, a gallant defender.

Be it known that John Stake, Esquire, Lieutenant in Count Pulaski's Legion, is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, instituted by the Officers of the American Army, at the period of its dissolution, as well as to commemorate the great event which gave Independence to North America, as for the laudable purpose of inculcating the duty of laying down in Peace, arms assumed for public defence and of uniting in acts of brotherly affection and bonds of perpetual friendship, the members constituting the same.

In Testimony whereof, I the President of the said Society, have hereunto set my hand at Mount Vernon, in the State of Virginia, this tenth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, on thousand seven hundred and eighty five, and in tenth year of the Independence of United States. (Signed) G. Washington President

By order, H. Knox Secretary