

Pension Application of Jacob Snidow: R9903

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State of Virginia }
Giles County } Ss

On this 25th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Giles & State of Virginia Jacob Snidow A Resident in the County and State Aforesaid aged seventy years on the 16th day of November last who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of 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 - That he moved from Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1774 to Stony Creek one of the tributary streams of New River in what was then called Montgomery now Giles County and State of Virginia - That in the latter end of the year 1779 he was enrolled in a company of Militia under the Command of Captain John Lucuss [sic: Lucas] That in the ensuing Spring 1780 as early as the 1st day of April he entered the Service of his County in Snidows Fort at the mouth of Stony Creek which was erected in the year 1774 immediately after his mother moved to that place. That the nature of his Services during that season was to defend the Fort and go out with small spying parties to watch the sly approaches of the Indians. That his Companions in this Service during this year were Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins that they personally went from Snidows Fort to Wolf Creek [in present Giles and Bland counties] from there to East River [in present Mercer County WV] & from there towards Blue Stone River [sic: Bluestone River in present Tazewell County VA] and from there up New River to Snidows Fort. That they were generally out on these excursions seven or eight days that when they engaged in them a party of three or four persons would start out and be gone about the same length of time. That he remained in Fort that year with an embodied Corps until the 1st day of November under the Command of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss and during the whole of that aforesaid time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That in the year 1781 on the 1st day of April he again entered the service of his country as an Indian Spy and continued in Service until the 1st day of November following. that they were stationed this year in Snidows Fort at the mouth of Stony Creek that during this year he again Scouted as an Indian Spy in company with the aforesaid Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins that the nature of his services were the same as described the preceding year and that he was commanded by the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss. That as early as the 1st day of May 1782 he again entered the Service of his Country as an Indian Spy and continued in service until the 1st of November following that he was engaged during this year as before in guarding Snidows Fort and in reconnoitering the Country from Snidows Fort to Wolf Creek, East River and towards Blue Stone River and up New River to Snidows Fort that the same persons Edward Hale & Heseekiah Adkins were his companions as Spyes during this Season.

That in the Spring of the year 1783 as early as the 1st day of May he again entered the service of his country as an Indian Spy that his services were the same as those performed the preceding years that his companions in service were the same and that they again scouted as Indian Spys in the same direction as before described that he was stationed this year as before in Snidows Fort and that he continued in Service this year until the 1st of November.

That during the whole of his services as aforesaid he was under the Command of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss with an imbodied Corps and was not engaged in any civil pursuit (first [numbered question prescribed in the pension application]) that he was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1763 on the 15th day of November which will make him seventy one years Old on the 15th day of November next (second) That he has no Record of his age nor never saw one (third) That he lived on Stony Creek a tributary stream of New River in what was then called Montgomery County now Giles when called into service where he has lived ever since (fourth) That he was called into service by Order of the aforesaid Captain John Lucuss (fifth) That he has stated the names of his Captain in the foregoing part of this declaration and that he does not recollect the names of the under Officers if there were any in the company (sixth) That he never received any written discharge for any of the services he rendered his Country. (Seventh) That he is known to Josiah J Lumpkins and John Lybrook who can testify to his good conduct for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that he can further support his declaration by the Evidence of John Lybrook who served in the same Fort with him

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity Pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State

[signed] Jacob Snidow



NOTE: According to a typed summary in the file, Jacob Snidow reapplied on 23 Nov 1835 in Giles County, this time stating that he performed his services each year from 1776 through 1780, rather than 1780 through 1783. -His claim was not allowed, owing to lack of proof of service in a regularly organized corps, as required by the pension laws."