

Pension Application for John Hagey, or Hagar, or Hagie, or Hague

Widow: Catharine

R.4428

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Tennessee

Davidson County SS

On this 1st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Davidson now sitting John Hague a resident of Nashville in the County of Davidson & State of Tennessee aged 82 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 passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he is a Frenchman by birth, that he came over with LaFayette as a volunteer to assist the Americans in the recovery of their freedom, that his Captain's name was Escaline that he commenced his services so [as] soon as he landed in the United States, that he landed at NewPort in the State of Rhode Island, that his general under LaFayette was the Duck DeLansanne that his colonel was Polorotski a Pole that he served it the French Light horse during the whole war under the aforesaid officers.

That he marched & countermarched previous to the battle of the White Plains through the State of New York in a hard service. That he was at the battle of the White Plains, that he recollects there were many persons wounded & killed in that battle & that Lafayette himself was among the wounded.

That he was at the siege of York when the Lord Cornwallis delivered up his sword to General Washington that he marched there by forced marches to coop up Cornwallis & prevent him from receiving reinforcements. That after the taking of York he was marched back to Philadelphia & he received his discharge at New-castle in New Jersey.

That he followed the banner of LaFayette and was in the service with him during his day in America. That he preferred staying in America to going back to his native country & became an American citizen. He stated that he would produce his discharge on the present occasion but that whilst he was living in Knoxville in East Tennessee. That his house was burnt down & that he lost all his papers & this amongst the rest.

That he has now no documentary evidence which can be produced on this subject.

That being a foreigner he had but slight opportunity of getting acquainted with American officers of other regiments.

That he does in consequence of age and infirmity recollect many things that were formerly fresh in his memory. He knows of no person now whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) John Hogie

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry Ewing clerk of Davidson County Court.

Undated letter in folder.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the military record of John Hagey who came to this country with LaFayette acting as body guard, served in the Revolutionary War, was wounded at Yorktown and married in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are furnished herein the record of John Hagey as found in the papers on file in pension claim, R.4428, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War; his name also appears in the claim as Hagee, Hagie, Hagar, Hagy, and Hague, but the family signed Hagey.

John Hagey was a "Frenchman by Birth" but was "born in Germany"; the date of his birth and names of parents re not stated.

He applied for pension August 1, 1832, at which time he was eighty-two years of age and a resident of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, and stated that he came to this country in 1777 with LayFayette, as a volunteer, enlisted in the French Army. Served as private in Captain Escaline's or Eskelige's company, Colonel Polorotski's regiment of French light-horse, was at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis and served to the close of the war.

His claim was not allowed as the act of Congress under which he applied did not provide for services of soldiers in the French Army.

John Hagey married about the close of the Revolutionary War, Catharine or Catherine (maiden name not given), in Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

During General LaFayette's visit to this country in 1824, John Hagey, who was recognized and greeted very cordially by LaFayette.

John Hagey died July 13 or 14, 1841, in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1859 the following children of John Hagey and his wife, Catharine or Catharine, were referred to and their ages and places of residence then as given below:

Mary aged about 72 years; married Steven H. Cheek

Cathrine aged about 70 years; married Joseph Becker

Elizabeth, aged about 68 years; married Nicolass Bishop

Susan, aged about 66 years; married Hiram W. Martin

John, aged 58 years; living in Nashville, Tennessee

Sary aged about 56 years; married James Neal

Margarett, aged about 54 years married Odle E. Thrift

Nancy, aged about 52 years; married John K. Wilson

George W., aged about 50 years, In 1841 residing in Nashville, Tenn.

Mariah aged about 48 years; married _____ Jenkins

Reference was also made to children who had died, but their names and the number of children dead not stated.