

### **Pension Application for John Stagg**

W.2267 (Widow: Martha) Married February 2, 1833 by Justice of the Peace, David Elliott JP, State of Indiana, Jennings County.

B.L.Wt.8166-160-55

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of Indiana

Jennings County

To wit. On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before the honorable the Judges of the Jennings circuit court now sitting John Stagg a resident of the County of Jennings – State of Indiana aged 72 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—That he entered the service of the United States & served as herein stated, under the following officers (to wit) Major Van Houten, Capt. Abraham UnderDunk & Lieutenant Talmage.

That he entered the service of the United States some time in the month of August in the year 1776 as a volunteer for the term of five months & served under the officers aforesaid—That he left the service about the first day of January 1777. He then volunteered the second time & served under Capt. John Bell & Sergeant Abraham Conklin for nine months—the particular times when he entered & left the service not now remembered—He then volunteered the third term for 6 months & served in the second Jersey Regiment under Col. Stuart, having entered the service some time in the month of September in the year 1780—a few days previous to the execution of Major Andre—That he entered again the fourth time as a volunteer some time in the year 1782 & served from till a short time before peace was declared making the Term of seventeen months which added to the three former tours of service will make two years & eight months—He resided during his first & second terms of service not far from Haverstraw in the State of New York.

He then removed to Bergen County New Jersey, where he resided when he entered upon his third service term of service.

During his fourth term of service he served under the following named officers (to wit) Capt. Peter Ward & ensign VanBrook .

During his first tour he marched from Haverstraw to Peakskill New York—Then he assisted to [?] Red Hook Fort, Where they remained till his first tour of service expired—During his 2 terms of service he marched from Tappan to Kings Ferry there he crossed the ferry & marched to the White Plains where he remained a short time with Gen'l Washington's army—from White Plains he marched back to King's Ferry & from thence back to Tappan where he remained until he was discharged.—In his third tour he marched from near Tappan to West Point—there he continued till late in the fall when he marched to Pompton in New Jersey & took up in winter quarters where he remained till he was discharged by Col. Shreve In his fourth tour he joined the company of Capt. [?ard] at Hackensack where he continued for Thirteen months engaged occasionally in scouting parties along the lines, when he was discharged by Capt. Ward—He recollects of no regular officers by name only Gen'l Washington who he well recollects seeing while at The White Plains—His discharges have all long since been lost or misplaced—That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure—who can testify to his service except one John Post (who if living now resides in New Jersey), and Albert Wilson who if living now resides in the City of New York and whose affidavits are now on file in the War Department & this deponant is in formed testifying that this deponent served six months in the United States service during the War of the Revolution—He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pensionor annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) John Stagg.

M.C. Eggleston, First Justice

Ezra F. Pabody, Associate Justice  
Samuel Grimia, Associate Justice

Letter in file date March 16, 1937, written in reply to a request for information.

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to John Stagg, a Revolutionary War soldier who served in Orange County, New York Militia.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim, S.2267, based upon the military service of the only John Stagg who served with New York troops that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

John Stagg was born in Bergen County, New Jersey. The data of his birth and names of his parents were not shown.

While living near Haverstraw, New York, he enlisted in August 1776, and served five months as private in Captain Abraham Onderdonck's New York Company. He next enlisted, date not given, and served nine months as private in Captain John Bull's New York Company. While living in Bergen County, New Jersey, he enlisted in September 1780, and served six months as private in Colonel Shreve's New Jersey regiment. He enlisted in 1782 and served twelve months as private in Captain Peter Ward's New Jersey company and was engaged in scouting.

After the Revolution he lived in Bergen County, New Jersey, in New York City, in Genesee County, New York, and in Ohio from which state he moved to Jennings County, Indiana.

John Stagg was allowed pension on his application executed August 26, 1832, at which time he was seventy-two years of age and was living in Jennings County, Indiana.

John Stagg died July 9, 1846, in Jennings County, Indiana.

This soldier married in Jennings County, Indiana, February 23, 1832, Martha Phillips.

As the widow of John Stagg, Martha Stagg was allowed pension on her application executed March 22, 1853, at which time she was sixty four years of age and was living in Jennings County, Indiana.

In 1850, it was stated that Mrs. Sarah Sloat, the widow of Philip Sloat, was the only surviving daughter and heir at law of John Stagg and that she was also the legal heir of Paul Stagg, relationship not shown.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the family of John Stagg.