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Virginia document pertaining to Thomas Demoss VAS1804  
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Memorandum of Thomas Demoss services since he was seventeen years of age who is now about 67 years of age who was born & raised in the frontier of Frederick County Va, on Cape Capon [Cacapon River] now in Hampshire County being born in the frontier and near the savage nation I was learnt to handle my gun at an early age and from about 14 years old until I was 17 I was in the forts and on other dangerous scouts at about 17 I was called into regular service under Capt. Zack. Morgan [Zackquill Morgan] who took command of Capt. Lewis Moores Company and was with him from 6 to 8 months, was then transfered to Capt. William Darks Company upwards of one year (from 12 to 18 months) thence to Capt William Craffords [sic: William Crawford's] Company about the same time that I was with Capt. Dark, at the end of which time there was peace with the savage a few years, then war broke out again and I was a volunteer under Capt. Crafford a six months tower, then two campain's under Capt. Michael Crissup [sic: Michael Cresap], each being spedy calls of about 3 months each say the two six months These two campains was free and volunteer acts and without receiving either provisions or pay for the same, then under Capt Archibald Wiggins a six months tour in Gen'l. McIntoshe's Campain [sic: Lachlan McIntosh's campaign of 1778] at the end of which campain Col. Michael Crissup (who had been promoted) gave me my discharge from Military duty by reason of my bodily Infirmities which I received by reason of being so exposed in the former campains, this I do Certify to be the truth and also a skedule of my property an old rifle gun one drawing knife & chizel

Lewis County to wit,

Thomas Demoss

This day Thomas Demoss personally appeared before me Asa Squires one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath that the above statement of his services as well as the skedule of his property is true, Given under my hand the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1820.

Asa Squires

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia, The petition of Thomas Demoss of of Lewis County humbly sheweth that he spent considerable time in the prime of his life in the defence of the then western frontier of this state, for which he has never received any pay that he is now poor old and infirm, unable to procure his living by labour only occasionally being able to do some light kinds of work wherefore there appears to be no earthly prospect of his being able to procure even a scanty subsistance Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that a law be passed allowing him a small pension during the short time he has got to live, and something for his present relief. And he as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Thomas Demoss

We the subscribers being acquainted with your petitioner for some years believes he needs something for his support and that his petition is reasonable &c [signed by] Asa Squires

Capt. John T Singleton

Daniel Moril[?] Esqr

John Burk

Rev'd Henry Camden

Wm Barry schoolmaster

Rev'd Elijah Beaman

Fielding Berry

Dec'r 19<sup>th</sup> 1820

Dec'r 27<sup>th</sup> 1820 ref'd to Claims

reasonable Jany 2<sup>d</sup>

reported Jany 4<sup>th</sup>

Bill drawn Jany 8<sup>th</sup>