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Pension Application of James S. Talbot R10377

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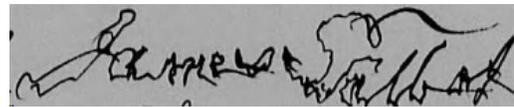
State of Missouri }
County of Buchanan } SS

Be it remembered that on this 17th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1852 before me, the undersigned a Judge of the County Court within and for the county of Buchanan, in the said State of Missouri, personally appeared James S. Talbot, a resident of the said County of Buchanan and State aforesaid, aged Eighty eight years and nearly ten months old, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Bedford county in the state of Virginia on the 24th day of May in the year 1763. that on the [blank] day of July in the year 1780 he was draughted to serve in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the state Troops of Virginia, and on the 1st day of August in the year 1780 he was enlisted to serve in said Army in said State troops of Virginia and rendezvoused at Hillsborough in North Carolina in company of Thomas Leftrage [sic: Thomas Leftwich] in the regiment commanded by Col Joseph Spencer in Genl Stephen's [sic: Edward Stevens's] Brigade, that on the 14th day of August 1780 he was regularly received into said service to serve for the term of Three months – that he was in the Battle of Camden [SC], or what is more generally known as Genl [Horatio] Gates' defeat near Camden, (as said soldier and a private in said State Troops of Virginia) on the 15th day of August 1780 [sic: 16 Aug 1780] – and served in said Company and regiment until the 14th day of November in said year 1780 – when he was regularly discharged, and Honorably, from said Service but never took any care of his discharge, and consequently cannot now produce the same. That at the time of said service he was a resident of Bedford County in the State of Virginia. That sometime about the last of February 1781 he volunteered as a Rifleman for an indefinite period in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Moon in the Rifle Regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lynch and that said Regiment was attached to the command of General [Nathanael] Greene on the 8th day of March 1781 – and upon joining Greene's command was then attached as Infantry to Col. William Washington's Command. That on the 15th day of March 1781 he was with said company and regiment and said command under Genl Greene in the Battle of Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina and that after the retreat of Genl Cornwallis the Regiment to which he belonged, being volunteers, were discharged from further service, and that sometime in the month of March in the year 1781 he, as well as said regiment, was regularly and Honorably discharged from said volunteer service – that he knows not what has become of said discharge as he took no care of it, and has consequently lost it. At the time he volunteered and rendered said last Service he was still a resident of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia. That about the first of August 1781 he again for the second time volunteered for the term of six week to serve in the State Troops of Virginia and did serve said tour of six weeks in said service in said war in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Cummins [VAS1730], in the Regiment commanded by Col John Holcomb [John Holcombe], and was attached to the command of Gen'l Lafayette – and at the end of six weeks was Honorably discharged from said service and received a regular discharge, but he lost that also – and that for the third time he volunteered in the State Troops of Virginia, in the month of September 1781, and was regularly mustered into the said service as a private in the company commanded by Captain Charles Calloway [Charles Callaway] in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Calloway [William Callaway], and Rendezvoused at New London in Bedford County [now in Campbell County] Virginia. that said Regiment marched to YorkTown in the State of Virginia, and was there attached to the army of the United States under the command of Gen'l George Washington, and that upon the arrival of said regiment at York Town it was left without field officers by said Col Calloway and all other officers of higher grade than Captain being discharged. That he remained in said company in the army under Gen'l Washington at the siege of York Town until after the surrender

at York Town on the 19th day of October 1781, and was then and there regularly and Honorably discharged from said service; that he received said discharge from the Captain of his said Company, Captain Charles Calloway, on the evening of the same day of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, at York Town on the Parade ground – for the purpose of taking care of his wounded brother, wounded in said siege.

That he served as a private in each and all of said four tours of military service in said State Troops or Militia of Virginia, in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain – that during all of the time of said service he was a resident of Bedford County in the said State of Virginia. And that from Bodily infirmity and old age, residing some twelve miles from the county seat of the County of Buchanan the place where the courts of said County are held, he cannot safely make his declaration in open court, as required whenever practicable

And the said affiant and applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and further declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, and that this is his first application for a pension under any act of Congress whatsoever



I hereby certify that in 1809 or 10 in Boone Co. Kentucky I was introduced to Capt. James S. Talbot by Major Uriel Seabery [Uriel Sebree] as a Soldier and patriot of the Revolutionary War they were then neighbours. In 1815 when I returned from the War of 1812 I found Capt. James S. Talbot settled on the Ohio river (then Gallatin Co) now Carroll Co, Ky, my neighbour which he continued for near thirty years he then sold his farm and moved to the State of Missouri. In 1812 at New Orleans I became acquainted with Isham elder Brother of James S. Talbot he informed me when he came to Kentucky he left his brother James S. in the service of the Revolutionary War he (Isham) returned and James S. Talbot came to Kentucky

In all my acquaintance with Capt. James S. Talbot for forty years I have found him a man of the strictest probity a highminded patriot and was always spoken of as a firm soldier of the Revolutionary War
Moses T. Hoagland

NOTES:

The application was supported by a deposition dated 23 Apr 1852 in Washington, DC by Thornton S. Talbot, son of James S. Talbot, who stated that his father had delayed applying for a pension because he had previously been “in easy circumstances.” On 17 June 1852 and on 4 July 1853 the applicant’s brother, Williston Talbot of Daviess County KY, age 81 on 18 Nov 1851, made statements supporting James S. Talbot’s application.

James S. Talbot’s pension was delayed because he appeared on muster rolls as “James Talbot.” His brother, Williston, wrote to the pension office from Owensboro in Daviess County KY on 4 July 1853 explaining that the applicant had since died and adding the following: “As to his having a Middle name I cannot give any positive answer further that this, is my solid opinion that he was put down James Talbot in my Fathers family Bible and my reasons for thinking so are these, at the end of the Revolutionary War my Brothers all came out of the army for there was three of in the service. they all took there course for different parts of the County and I had not seen any of them for twenty years, and first one of them I saw was our Oldest Brother Isham. then he asked me if I know any of my age. I told no, well says he I will give to you. and went and brought forth a paper and said he had left with the Old bible where all our ages were recorded by our Father, and I took the paper and made out my age. he said he had taken all Ages from the old bible Just as Our Father had recorded them, and there I found my just James Talbot, and for what reason my Brother has added the S. to his name I cannot say. Only by conjecture it may be that has done in memory of our Mother She was the name of Smith.”

James Smith Talbot wrote another brief account of his service that is included in *The Talbots, Centuries of Service*, compiled by Virgil Talbot in 1983. This account is available at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fww64/diaryjst.htm>