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Pension application of Frederick Walser R11096

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State of North Carolina County of Davidson: SS

On this 29th day of April A.D. 1837, personally appeared before me Daniel Delap an acting Justice of the Peace in said County Frederick Walser a resident of said County of Davidson in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Under Captain Douglass Hadon Captain John Lopp, Captain Thomas Cowan, Colonel F. Locke in the militia. That about the month of August in the year 1780 being then a resident in Rowan County in the heart now called Davidson where he now resides he was mustered and called into service as a minute man in the company commanded by Captain Douglass Haden. That he was in camp or marching up and down parallel with the Yadkin River from Montgomery to Surry County a distance of about 50 miles, that their business was to suppress and guard against the depredations of the Tories, who under one Fannin [sic, David Fanning] and active Tory officer frequently committed depredations plunder and murder in the upper or Western part of North Carolina. That there Company's Captain Cowan & Captain Lopp's were frequently together under Colonel F. Locke for a few days -- when they as often separated and marched in different directions to such points as it was then imagined they might be useful or necessary. That he continued in this irregular service occasionally returning home for one or 2 days until about the last of September 1781 having served fully twelve months as a minute man; when he was drafted in the militia, and entered the company of Captain Thomas Cowan in the Regiment of Colonel F. Locke assembled at a camp near Thompson's Mill in the South side of Rowan County; that they there took charge of a number of British Prisoners taken at the Battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and acted as guards on their march from said camp to the Virginia line, where the Virginia troops took charge of the Prisoners in Henry County of that State & the North Carolina Militia were relieved and returned home; although drafted for 6 months he served only three months -- when he received his discharge which he believes was signed by Colonel Locke (for it is now lost) he was directed to hold himself in constant readiness to join the troops for the other three months whenever called upon; but was not afterwards called into the service so that the whole time of his military service was 15 months and ended about

Christmas 1781. He recollects of seeing Generals Morgan and Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], at the Trading Ford on the Yadkin [River] at the time the Army under General Green crossed there that there was some firing across the River with the British troops at that place, that he never was with or near the regular troops at any other time or place. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, having lost his discharge. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He has now no record of his age, but believes he was born December 25th 1760 in Lincoln County Pennsylvania and emigrated with his father to his present residence in the year 1771. That no clergyman acquainted with him thence in any reasonable distance of ham, he therefore cannot procure the certificate of any. He refers to his neighbors Frederick Thompson, Captain Benjamin Smith, Philip Snider, Captain John Myers, John Michael, Peter M. Woods, David Hoffman who can testify to his veracity and reputation. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State to his knowledge. He further declares that the reason he did not make his application sooner is that he has labored under disease for the last few years which has confined him to his house, and that he is still unable to appear at Court.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Fred.. Walser

[Frederick Thompson, S. Smith, P. Snider, J. Myers, J. Michael, P. M. Woods and David Hoffman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]