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Pension Application of Jacob Warner R11143

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The declaration of Jacob Warner made the 23rd day of January 1837 in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed on the 7th day June 1832, that he was called on to perform a Tour of duty in the United States service from the County of Loudoun and State of Virginia, about the 1st of April 1781, that they rendezvoused at a place called Lacey Tavern in Loudoun County that he marched from there under the command of Captain John Lewis and Lieutenant John Frazier [John Frazer] and Ensign Josiah White [possibly Joel White], and that Henry Williamson [pension application R11632] was orderly sergeant in said Company. that from Lacey's Tavern the company I was in were marched through Prince William County to Fredericksburg in Stafford County. from thence we were marched through Caroline & Hanover, and from thence to the City of Richmond in Henrico County, and from there we were marched to the Morben hills near James River [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], the place of General rendezvous. When we got to the Morbin hills Colo John Alexander was the commander in chief at that place, and Maj. Jacob Read [Jacob Reed] was our Maj. After we had been at Morbin hills some time, we were marched back to the City of Richmond again where Colo. John Alexander and Maj Jacob Read left us, and we were then put under the command of Colo Charles Dabney and Maj. Campbell Colo. Dabney then marched the Troops under his command to Charlottesville in Albemarle County, where the Virginia Assembly were in session [Charlottesville VA, after 28 May 1781], and where a part of the British army had gone [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 4 Jun]. from Charlottesville we were then marched to the point forks on James River in Fluvanna County [sic: Point of Forks at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers], at which place Gene'l. Anthony Wayne met us and took the command of the troops, and marched us back to the City of Richmond, where I was put under the command of Capt. Samuel Noland. from Richmond we were marched back to the Morbin hills, from thence down James River to old James Town, and there I found General Lafayette in command. the day after our Troops arrived there, they attacked the British army, and fought them until the British Army got on board their vessels and sailed off and that I was in said battle [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul, in which troops under Wayne and Lafayette were defeated by Cornwallis]. The troops were then marched out from James Town about five miles to a church where we left the wounded men. We were then marched off towards Gloucester County until we were met by Colo. George West's regiment of men from Loudoun County Va. a number of whom were without arms. I there got a permit to go home. We were ordered to stack our arms, and let Colo. George West's men take them. we had orders from our Commander to be ready again at a moment's warning to join the army when ordered. I got home about the 1st of September 1781, after a tour of duty of about five months. after my arrival at home I could not engage in any business expecting every day when I was to be called on again, and remained in the situation until the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in virginia [19 Oct 1781]. that I never made application before for a pension, and am not on any pension list either Continental or State Service whatever —

Question Where were you born? and in what date were you born?

Answer. I was born on 29th day of June 1762, as I am informed from the register of my age in the County of Kingwood and State of New Jersey

Question. What is your age at this time?

Answer. I suppose I was seventy four years of age on the 29th day of June 1836.

Question. Where have you lived since you were born, state the different places you have lived at and the length of time at each place?

Answer I was brought from the State of New Jersey when a boy to the County of Loudoun in Virginia

and lived in Loudoun County for near forty years – from thence I moved to Bedford County Virginia, where I have lived about 34 years last past.

Question. Who are your neighbours in your neighbourhood who can testify as to your respectability & standing in society?

Answer. I refer to Colo. Armistead Otey, William Terry Esq., Andrew Skinnall, Jacob Shepherd, Israel Wilman & Wm Preston

Question. What time was you called into service? how long did you serve? and whether was you a volunteer or was you drafted?

Answer. I was called into service about the first of April 1781 from the County of Loudoun and was drafted. I served about five months, when I obtained a permit to go home, but was to return again at a minutes warning. I engaged in no sort business until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia. I never was called on any more, but was ever ready to go when called for.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge? if so State what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a discharge. After I had served about five months obtained a permit to go and see my friends and family and was never called for any more, is the reason I did not get a discharge.

Question. State some of the Generals and field officers that you were under in the Army?

Answer. The first field officers I was under, was Colo. John Alexander and Major Jacob Read, who were our field officers at the Morbin hills – after they left us at Richmond Virginia, I was under Colo. Charles Dabney and at the point of Forks General Wayne took the command and continued in command until after the Battle of old James Town, where General LaFayette commanded also.

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court.

Jacob Warner

[Jacob Miller (pension application R7200) deposed that he had served in the same regiment with Warner but in the company of Capt. James Cleveland.]