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Pension Application of John Bradberry R1122

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State of Tennessee } SS

Giles County }

On this the 7th day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty Eight, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of the County and state aforesaid now sitting at the Court house in the Town of Pulaski County and state aforesaid John Bradberry a resident of said County and State aged Eighty Eight (88) 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.

That he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Captain Hardens[?] Company, he entered said Company some where on the Monongahelia [sic: Monongahela] River in the State of Pennsylvania [in the part then considered part of Virginia] but owing to his great age and enfeebled health and mind he cannot recollect in what County in said state of Pennsylvania he joined said company, nor can he recolect the precise time but believes said company rendezvoused some time in 1776 or it is possible it might have been in the year 1777. he recolect said company was attached to the Regiment under the Command of Col Morgan [Zacquill Morgan of Monongalia County] and was march as a part of said Regiment to the western part of Pennsylvania or virginia against the Indians and renegade Tories, he volunteer for six mounths and during this tour of duty some prisoners were taken in the western part of virginia or Pennsylvania, he recolect that he was one of the detachment sent to guard the prisoners on their march to a Town called Winchester in said state of virginia, at said Town of Winchester the detachment was relieved, and sent from hence to their original rendezvous on the Monongahelia, where at the expiration of their six mounths of service the were discharged, he received a regular discharge in writing from his Captain, which discharge has since been destroyed by having his home burnt down by fire, by the same accident he had two other discharges burnt for services render in the army of united states after the services above mentioned.

This next tour of duty in the army of the united states was in the year 1777 or early in the year 1778. he entered said service as a volunteer Twelve mounths more in Captain Mark Harden company of Twelve mounths volunteers unless sooner discharged he entered again in said state of Pennsylvania, but is unable to state the County of said state where said company rendezvoused. he states that he only served Eleven mounths on this tour. during the whole of which time he was engaged in active service as one of a detachment who were employed in packing flour on horses from a place called "old Fort Cumberland" in said state of Pennsylvania to a Fort a short distance below the junction of the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] and Monongahelia Rivers called "Fort Red Stick [more likely Fort Redstone at present Brownsville PA]." he believes said last mentioned Fort was also in said state of Pennsylvania, at the expiration of Eleven mounths he was regularly discharged by his Captain Mark Harden which said discharge was destroyed when his house was burnt as above stated. some short time after his discharged as above stated he removed from Pennsylvania and settled in the County of Macklinburge [sic: Mecklinburg] State of virginia. in said County of Macklinburg and state of virginia he was drafted some time he believes in the year 1781 as a regular drafted Malitia man for a tour of Three mounths duty, said company drafted in said County of Macklinburg was under the command of Captain Henry Walker and was attached to the Regiment under the command of Col Burrill [sic: Lewis Burwell], said company and said Regiment was march from said county of Macklenburg to Fort Smith in said state of virginia, and stationed at said Fort untill the expiration of the service, and was at said Fort discharged. he received a regular discharge from his Captain (Henry Walker) which was also burt at the time his house was destroyed by fire, as above

mentioned. Some time in the month of September or October 1781 he was again drafted in said County of Macklenburg and state of Virginia as a regular drafted Militia man for another tour of duty for Three months. he recollect that this second draft was but a few weeks before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little Yorktown [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] in said state of Virginia, in the last tour of duty he only served about 15 or 16 days and was under the same Captain (Henry Walker) and belong to the same Regiment still commanded by Col. Burrill. after said Regiment had reach Denwoody [sic: Dinwiddie] Court house in said state of Virginia, on its march to join the main army near Yorktown and under the command of General Washington they were at said Court House met by an express from the main army with the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Col Burrell their commanding officer by the same express received orders to discharge his Regiment from service, he was in pursuance of said orders discharged at Denwoody Court House a few days after the surrender of Cornwallis, but did not received any discharge in writing from any of his officers. This was his last service in the army of the United States. he shortly after his discharge returned to private life in the County of Macklinburg and state of Virginia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this the 7th day of November 1838.

John hisXmark Bradberry

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Giles County } Examination by the Court.

Question 1st By the Court – Where and in what year were you born.

Answer By the Applicant – I was born in the County of Amelia State of Virginia, in the year 1750

Question 2nd By the same – Have you any Record of your age; and if so where is it.

Answer By the same; – I have no Record of my age; my knowledge of my age I have derived from my family. I do not recollect ever to have seen any record of it at any time.

Question 3rd By the same, – Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live:

Answer By the same. – At the time of entering the service of the United States I lived on the Monongahela River in the state of Pennsylvania, but before the close of the Revolutionary war, I removed to the County of Macklenburg State of Virginia. I think I moved to Macklinburg County in Virginia in the latter part of the year 1779 or early in 1780. I lived in said County of Macklenburg for nineteen years after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, and in the year 1800 I moved to the County of Wilson State of Tennessee where I lived for Twenty Eight years and in 1828 move from said County of Wilson to the County of Giles State of Tennessee where I have lived up to the present time.

Question 4th By the same – How were you called into the service. were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer by the same – In my first and second tours of duty I was a volunteer and in my third and fourth tours of duty I was drafted as a regular drafted Militia man I never substituted myself during the war But served as a volunteer and as a regular drafted Militia man, as stated above in my declaration.

Question 5th By the same – Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given – and what became of it.

Answer By the same – I received three regular discharges from the service of the United State two first was from Captain Harden under whom I had volunteered and the last was when I was discharged at Fort Smith in the State of Virginia and was from Captain Henry Walker. not being able to read writing I am unable to state who signed my said discharges. They were all three burnt when my house was destroyed by fire as above stated in my declaration

Question 6th by the same – State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served such continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer By the same – I have already stated the names of such officers as I can recollect and all the Regiments both Continental and Militia – that from great age and inability of mind and memory I am unable to recollect any other Regiments or officers of the Army. I have stated in my declaration such general circumstances of my services in the army of the united states as in my power to recollect.

Question 7th by the same State the names of Persons to whom you are know in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer, By the same, John Wilsford, John Simmons, Peachy Carpenter, William Wilsford, James Henderson, William Brown, Philip Ball and John Dickey.