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Pension application of Jeremiah Wyatt R11916

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State of Indiana, County of Vanderburgh

Personally appeared before the undersigned the Probate Judge of Vanderburgh County of the State of Indiana, Jeremiah Wyatt, a resident of said County aged 86 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 of the 7th June 1832 granting Pensions to certain Soldiers of the Revolution.

Said declarant states that he was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in the year 1762 in the month of February and entered the service of the United States from said County on the first of June 1780, as a substitute for one James Parks, for a term of three months under Captain John Hamright and Colonel Thomas Taylor and General Butler. Said Parks gave the declarant a horse, saddle and bridle, four dollars in money and a guinea to serve in his place. He states that they were marched from Charlotte NC to Camden in South Carolina and remained there some two or three weeks and then marched in a South East course from Camden to the Savannah River near the town of Augusta and were there stationed until the expiration of said tour of three months and he then returned home after being honorably discharged by Captain Hamright for said service and further that after he had remained at home some six weeks he again entered said service as a volunteer for the period of three months under Captain Josiah Martin; this was in the month of October in the same year aforesaid. This company was organized in Lincoln County North Carolina and were marched up the Catawba River to Beatties' Ford and there we had a skirmish with the British under Cornwallis as his army was crossing the River. Here Captain Morgan's horse was shot from under him & he taken a prisoner by the British. Lieutenant Jonas Clark was our Captain. General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was in command here. From Beatties Ford we were marched down said River to Abernathy's ferry and here Genl Greene left us. Then we marched to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River. Here Genl Butler was in command. Then we marched to the High Rock Ford on Haw River and from there to Guilford Court House. Genl Greene met us at Haw River and we were then all marched to Guilford where we had a battle with the British in March 1781, and after said battle we were marched to

Hillsboro NC where we stayed several weeks: as long as we could get anything to eat and were then discharged and returned home. He states that he served the last time for four months and 14 days. He states that he kept his discharges for four or five years when the a Board of Officers sat in Lincoln County NC and he took his discharges to them and gave them up to said Board and drew in lieu thereof a claim of Scrip for said services and by the advice of his father he retained said Scrip for three or four years and then presented it to a Paymaster in Lincoln County and drew, he thinks, the sum of thirty six dollars and fifty cents. He states that this Scrip was very much below par. He states that he continued to live in Mecklenburg, Lincoln and Rutherford counties after the war until the year 1808 when he moved to Wilson County in the State of Tennessee and remained in Wilson County of about six years and then removed to this (Vanderburgh) County, Indiana. He arrived here in the fall of the year before the Battle of New Orleans and has continued to live in this section ever since.

He states that soon after the pension law passed and the old soldiers were applying that he consulted with a lawyer touching his own pension and that the lawyer told him that it took six months service to be entitled to a pension and that a soldier could not draw for the service performed as a substitute so he thought it useless to make an effort. He states that at that time he could have established his services by living witnesses -- one witness of whom, Balie Taylor, lived here in this Country and who made application for a pension through Hon. R. Boone, member of Congress from the District and failed to draw, this declarant does not know what cause, for he states that he frequently saw said Bailie Taylor in actual service all the time this declarant was in service himself. This declarant states that his only son, Edmund Wyatt, was killed at the battle of Buena Vista in Mexico and that while endeavoring to procure bounty lands in his right, he was informed that he could make his services, performed as a substitute for James Parks, available in an application for a pension and being old and poor he is induced to do so. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his said services nor does he know of any person alive by whom he could make said proof. 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.

S/Jeremiah Wyatt, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me by making his mark this December 14, 1847.

S/ Edward Hopkins, P.J.