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Pension Application of William Brooks R1262

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Shelby Circuit Court, Illinois April Term 1830

State of Illinois } SS.

Shelby County } Personally appeared in the Circuit Court of Shelby County State of Illinois, the same being a Court of record, On the Twelfth day of April, of the Term of April 1830, William Brooks, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that according to the best of his recollection, in the month of March 1776, in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia, he enlisted as a Marine under Captain Gabriel Jones [sic: Gabriel Jones], for the Term of Two years, and That he continued under the Command of Capt. Jones, until as he thinks the succeeding March 1777, Employed in the naval service of the United States, in a vessel, whose name he has forgotten, But was Commanded by Captain Malcome [sic: James Malcolm], that he continued in the service of Captain Jones and Captain Malcome for about one year, when Capt. Jones was Promoted to Major, and he was discharged by Capt. John Camp, who succeeded Captain Jones, But obtained no written discharge, – the deponent further says, That he is now aged Eighty three years, in may next, and that of the last sixteen years his occupation has been a schoolmaster, But now from the dimmiss of his eye sight, and Trembling of his hands he is unable to percure a living by that Means, and his old age renders him unable to obtain a living By anything that he can do, he further says that his wife, died about Twelve years since, and that he has seven Children living, The last Time he herd from them, four boys and three Girles, That he is now living with a Daughter who is Married, and whose Husband is unwilling to support him, of the other children he knows but little, except that some of them lives in the State of South Carolina, distant from him about one Thousand Miles, and one in Massissippi and one in north Carolina, and that he has neither the means, nor ability to Git to them. To Bring himself under the acts of Congress, pased for the relief of revolutionary soldiers he further says that he has at this time no property of any name of description, except a fue Articles of wearing apparel and that on the – day of March 1818 He had no property except a horse bridle and saddle, worth about sixty dollars, which was traded for a horse that died on his hands and further further saith not.