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Pension Application of John Cargle R1687

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State of North Carolina } SS

Haywood County }

On this nineteenth day of April 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of law (it being a court of record) for said County of Haywood now sitting John Cargle a resident of said County and State aged ninety one years who first being duly sworn according to law doath on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

That he resided in the County of Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] in the state of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit that in the month of May in the year 1779 he entered the service for a tour of three months in the Company of Virginia malitia Commanded by Captain James Hudgins in the Regiment Commanded by Col John Wilson & Lieutenant Col Peter Perkins he was marched from there to Richmond Virginia to oppose the British who was then invading that state from his age and consequent defect of memory he may be mistaken as to the year But believes it to be in the year 1779, at Richmond his Regiment joined a body of troops composed of Regulars and melitia but he does not recollect the names of any of the officers he remained there remained untill the enemy had left the Coast of Virginia & then his regiment was marched home and discharged, he removed from Virginia in the fall of that year to Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County in the State of North Carolina and in June or July of the year 1780 he entered as a Volunteer in the Company of Captain Robert Cleveland in the regement commanded by Col Benjamin Cleveland Lieutenant Col Benjamin Hearne Major Beverly Lewis of the north Carolina Militia for a six months tour and as rangers to protect the Country from the tories he was in the sevice at the time of the Battle of Kings mountain [7 Oct 1780] but not in that Battle from the fact of his father's being killed by the fall of a tree and he having obtained leave to attend his burial Shortly after Battle of Kings Mountain his company was discharged their time of service having expired after that time he served several short periods as a minet man in the Company of Captain Cleveland but cannot now specify the different times or periods except that he voluntied under Captain Cleveland to rescue Col Cleveland who had been taken prisoner by the tories on the head waters of new river [at Big Glades, 15 Apr 1781] and retook him at the deep Gap of Cove Creek of Watauga river his company was out at this time about eight days about two weeks after he volunteered in the same Company against a party of tories who had collected on the head of Watauga eight of whom were taken prisoners by his company & shortly after hung at Wilks Court house in N Carolina [see endnote]

He was born in what was [until 1766] then Halifax now Pitsylvania Virginia removed from thence to Wilkes County N Carolina after the close of the war he removed to Burk [sic: Burke County] N Carolina from thence to Rutherford in said state from there to Spartenburgh [sic: Spartanburg] South Carolina then to Buncombe County N Carolina and now lives in Haywood County N Carolina

He knew none of the regular or Continental officers or regements having performed his services in militia and the greater part of them on the frontier nor does he now recollect any of the militia officers except those under whom he served and Generals McDowal [sic: Joseph McDowell] [William Lee] Davidson and [Griffith] Rutherford of the north Carolina militia

He has no documentary evidence of his of his service not having ever received any written discharge and that he does not know of any person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service

Qus't 1st Where were you born

Ans In what was then Halifax now Pitsylvania in the State of Virginia

Qus't 2nd Have you any record of your age

Ans I have the family bible of my father in which my age is recorded

Qus't 3rd Where wer you living when called into the Service where have you lived since the revolutionary War & where do you now live

Ans'r I lived in what is now Pitsylvania County Virginia when called into the service I have lived since the war in Wilks Burk Rutherford & Buncombe N Carolina & Spartenburgh South Carolina and now live in Haywood County north Carolina

Qus't 4th how were you called into the Service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute

Ans the first tour I was drafted all my other service I performed as a Voluntier

Qus't 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with troops where you served such Continental & malitia regements as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your Service

Ans I don't recollect any of the regular officers nor do I recollect any of the Continental or militia regements as I was not in my service attached to any troops but my own Regement as I now think except while I Remained at Richmond Virginia

Qus't 6th Did you ever Receive a discharge from service if so By [whom] was it given and what become of it

Ans I received no writen discharge

Qus't 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for varacity and their belief of your Service as a Soldier of the revolution

Ans'r John B Love & James R Love

I am not acquainted with any Clergyman in my neighbourhood whose testimony I can procure in Court

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

John hisXmark Cargle

NOTE: Other accounts state that only three Tories were hanged for capturing Col. Benjamin Cleveland: Capt. William Riddle, the leader of the gang, and two others named Reeves and Goss.