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Pension Application of Thomas Arrington R269

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Virginia Prince William County to wit

on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Gen'l. Court in the state aforesaid personally appear'd Thomas Arrington aged sixty five years resident in the County of Prince William in the said State being one of the Counties in my Judicial Circuit who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for Certain persons Engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, that he the said Thomas Arrington was drafted from the Militia of the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia into a Company Commanded by Capt Thomas West of the Virginia troops in the Continental Establishment, that he Continued to served in the said Company or in the service of the United States upwards of nine months when he was discharged from service in the state of Virginia, that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has evidence now in his possession of his said services.

State of Virginia                    } Sct

Prince William County    }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of aforesaid County now sitting Thomas Arrington resident of aforesaid County and State aged 78 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, as a substitute Militia man on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1777 under Captn Dennis Ramsey and Col. George Gilpin of Alexandria & Marched by way of Geo Town [Georgetown], Frederick Town [MD] and Lancaster [PA], to a place called Chesnut Hill [sic: Chestnut Hill] near Germantown, where they were joined to a Brigade or Division of the Main Army under Gen'l [Charles] Scott. He was out on skirmishing or detached parties frequently, but was not in any battle or Engagement. His tour was for 3 Months, and having served it out he returned home to Fairfax County (where he then lived) in May following. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June he was drawn out of his Militia Company in the County, by assignment or allotment, as a soldier for and during the War, to fill up, with others drawn out in like manner, the Ranks of certain broken Regiments, and placed under the command and control of Captn Thos West of Cameron where he remained until March 1778 when he furnished a substitute and was discharged. He also sends in the proof made before Judge Dade some years ago to obtain a Pension under former Laws but which failed. There being none of those who served with him in either instance living near him, or that he knows of, he can offer no additional 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 in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Thomas Arrington

State of Virginia Prince William County

The deposition of Richard Arrington of the County of Stafford and State aforesaid taken before me the undersigned Sam'l H James[?] a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Prince William and state aforesaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1832 and within the boundaries of the aforesaid County of Prince William said Richard Arrington being first duly sworn deposeth and saith as follows that he is now in his 75<sup>th</sup> year of age and that he well remembers the fact that his brother Thomas Arrington who now resided in Prince William County aforesaid was called into service several times as a

private soldier in the war of the revolution and as nearly as he can now state the following tours were performed by his said brother. One commencing in the winter of 1777 when his brother went to the north about Germantown and returned in the spring of the same year, the day of his return he cannot specify. Jno Dainty, Rhodam Rogers [pension application S6021] and a man by name of Harley were on this tour with his said brother – all from Fairfax County Va and returned at the same time. His sd brother on his return from this tour could with much difficulty walk from the soreness of his feet. The above named soldiers are dead unless Rogers may still survive. He moved to Clarksburg Harrison Co some years ago. In this tour his sd brother belonged to the Fairfax Malitia and was under command of Col Ramsay of Alex’a. Another tour of service performed by his sd brother commenced as nearly as this deponent can now chance his memory on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1777 and very soon after his return home above stated from the above tour, and joined the army under Captn West This was a draft to fill the ranks of a broken regt the no of which he does not remember On this tour his brother was with the troops that were stationed about Alex’a and Colchester in Fairfax County This was about the time that the enemy came up and burnt Col Crook’s dwelling in the Aguin Creek [probably Occoquan River] neighbourhood and the sd troops were kept in that quarter to wit about Colchester and Alex’a for a long time under the expectation that the enemy would come up the river and effect a landing When his sd brother returned from this service he had a discharge. Deponent cannot state with more precission the circumstances and dates at this time. The draft last mentioned was for the war and after sd brother had served from 1<sup>st</sup> June to the time of his sd discharge he yielded to his mother’s entreaties to furnish a substitute. This deponent remembers with certainty and that to raise the money for that purpose his sd brother’s land was sold by the consent of his mother and further this deponent saith not

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On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1836 Thomas Arrington appeared before the Court and being solemnly sworn deposeeth and saith that in the fall of the year 1776 and about the 1<sup>st</sup> September of that year he was called out with a Company of Malitia from the County of Fairfax and was under the command of Col. then Captain Dennis Ramsey of the town of Alex’a which was then a part of Virg’a. and on this tower he served three months, was discharged and returned home. That he returned home some time before Christmas. He states that whilst on the expedition he was marched with the army to the place called Chesnut Hill in the State of Pennsylvania – was out on a scouting party on the Schulkill [sic: Schuylkill] River with eight hundred men as stated – but was in no battle on that occasion. He recollects that Jeremiah Hardin was of the same Company but does not know where he resides, or whether he is living at this time. Rhodam Rogers was a private in the same troops and went from Fairfax County. He was not on the scouting party above named. Jonathan Dainty went from the same County started with the same troops but returned. William Steel went with the same troops & served his time out. These troops were joined to Gen’l. Scott’s Brigade. He further states that in the early part of 1777 he was drafted as a regular from the malitia of Fairfax County, & commenced service under said draft on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June of that year and continued in the same till march 1778. Cap. Thomas West who lived at Cameron Run near Alex’a. commanded the company in which he was a private. This draft was to fill up the 10<sup>th</sup> Virg’a Reg’t. which was broken at that time as he was informed. This draft was made in consequence of the malitia being classed in order to raise men for the regular Army. He further states that the drafts referred to were for the war, and that wishing to return home on account of the application of his mother, and he put in the hands of Cap. West a sum of money for a substitute which he was informed he got – but his name he was not apprized of, or if he heard it, at the time, does not recollect it. He does not remember who the Col. of the Regt. was at that time. He states that he was drafted from the Malitia Company of one William Thompson who lives at Colchester in Fairfax Co. And altho he has the impression of the names of several officers on his mind who belonged to the said Reg’t yet he cannot at this time call their names. Not being

on terms of intimacy with officers who were there in command, and the great lapse of time, he cannot recollect their names. He was in no engagement during this service – was stationed a considerable time in the neighbourhood of Alex'a and a short time after he left the said service, he was informed that said troops were marched to the north – but of this he cannot speak of his own knowledge. He further states that it is impossible for him to exhibit the proof at this time which was before Judge Dade in the year 1816 because the witnesses were examined in Court and he never had possession of their statements. He was ignorant of the nature of such proceedings before Court and supposed the Judge knew what was necessary to be done. The names of the witnesses were James Hunt and George Harley who then resided in Fairfax County & both now dead.

And further he saith not.

[signed] Thomas Arrington

Cameron 20 May 1778

This is to certify that Thomas Arrington has furnished an able bodied man to serve in his [illegible word] for the continuance of the present war. Thomas Errington was draughted from the malitia of Fairfax in order to [blank] in the 10<sup>th</sup> Cont'l. Virg'a. Reg't.

given under my hand the above date

Thos. West Cap'n. 10<sup>th</sup> Con'tl. V. R.