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Pension Application of George Ashbrook R277

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State of Missouri } Ss

Washington County }

On this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty six personally appeared before the circuit court of Washington County George Ashbrooks of the county of Washington State of Missouri aged sixty two 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born in the County of Hampshire Virginia in the month of November seventeen hundred and sixty three that he remembers the record of his birth in his fathers bible which was burnt when he was about sixteen years of age in a school house. He moved with his father in the year 1779 to that part of Montgomery County Va which now constitutes Wythe Co of the State. In July seventeen hundred and eighty he entered the service as a mounted volunteer called a minute militia man at the place of rendezvous in Montgomery County called Poplar camp under Colonel John Preston [sic: William Preston] Captain James Montgomery and Lieut Robert Montgomery and with Col or General Pickens [see endnote] marched into north Carolina to join Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Charlotte near Camden North Carolina [sic: Charlotte NC, 65 mi N of Camden SC] but before joining Gen Green the General had moved about forty miles further north. he with his regiment joined General Green about Christmas. his time was spent in marching and countermarching fighting and skirmishing between Charlotte and Guilford until after the the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] he was discharged In a scirmish he was in at the Reedy fork of Hawe River [sic: Battle of Wetzel's Mill at Reedy Fork of Haw River, 6 Mar 1781] Capt Sawyer and Robert Montgomery were wounded. he was in the battle of Guilford and in a few days say about the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 was dismissed and he received no discharge his company being informed that their services were at that time no longer needed. He was in the service eight months as a mounted volunteer furnishing his own horse and arms. In 1784 he removed into what is now the State of Tennessee and staid four years and returned to Montgomery Co Va where he remained till 1796 when he removed to Meroe District Tennessee where he staid four years he then removed to the place where he now resides in what was then Upper Louisiana Ste Genevieve County and what is now the State of Missouri Washington County. 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 any agency in any state [signed] G. Ashbrook

NOTE: Col. Andrew Pickens of South Carolina took parole from the British in May 1780 and did not return to active duty until Jan 1781. He did not join Greene's army, which was at Cheraw Hills SC from 20 Dec 1780 until 28 Jan 1781.