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Declaration of Henry Ethell in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832-

State of Virginia and
County of Greenbriar

On the 25th day of February personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Greenbriar County now sitting, Henry Ethell a resident of the said County of Greenbriar and State of Virginia aged seventy seven years and three months who being first duly sworn doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That at the time he entered the service he was a citizen of the county of Loudon in the state of Virginia. That he entered the service in June 1781 as a substitute for an older brother who was drafted for a three month tour and served the three months under the following officers to wit: Capt Cannon who commanded the company to which he was attached and they were marched off under Major Risbey and then put under the command of Col Maryweather or Manyweathers. He now distinctly recollects which. Major Hardiman at one time had the command of of [sic] one company. That he was marched from Loudon immediately on to form the Army where they formed it between Bowling Green and the Pamunky River where they were put under the command of Col Matthews. From thence they marched under his command to Williamsburg by way of Ruffin's Ferry. And at Springfield below Williamsburg they were discharged after three months tour. Immediately upon his return he was again called into service upon a draft for militia for a three month tour and was shortly after taken sick and remained so and on furlow [sic] during the siege of York Town in this state. But rejoined the Army at Falmouth

[p3] under he believes Genl. West and was discharged a short time thereafter at Nolen's Ferry. Some time about the last of November or first of December, and a few days before the expiration of his term of service. During neither of his tours was he engaged in any battles. He has no way of designating the regiments in which he served, but by the names of the officers commanding the same already stated. That he received his first discharge from Col Maryweather or Manyweathers and his second from Col West but that he has lost both and has lost both and has no documentary evidence of his services. And that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

That he was born and raised in Loudon County Va. That he entered the service there as before stated. That after the Revolution he resided for a short period in the counties of Prince William and Faquire [sic] since which time he has lived for about thirty years in Greenbriar and Monroe, and that he now resides in Greenbriar 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 the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry Ethell x his mark
[p3 Routine county supporting testimony and certification
William T Mann, neighbor

Joseph Newton, neighbor
James Frazer, JP
John Matthews, clerk]

[p4] Additional testimony of Henry Ethell a petitioner for a pension under the act passed June 7th 1832.

That he served from the first of June 1781 until the first of December 1781, two three month tours making in all six months service.

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans- I was born in Loudon County Virginia.

Ques- Have you any record of you age, and where is it?

Ans- I have a record at home

Ques- Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live?

Ans- I lived in Loudon County when called into service. I have lived since in Prince William County Va, Faquire and Greenbriar where I now reside.

Ques- How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans- I first substituted for Anthony Ethell and served three months tour and before I got home I was drafted on my own tour for another three months, both of which tours I served.

Ques- State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans- Col Maryweathers or Manyweathers and Maj. Hardiman, Col Matthews, and Col West. The names of the regiments I do not recollect being very young at the time, & the General service I stated in my declaration.

[p5] Ques- Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans- I rec^d two discharges, one from Col Merry weathers and the other from Col West and gave them up to the captain upon receiving pay.

Quest- State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service in the revolution?

Ans- William T Mann and Joseph Newton who have already certified.

[ff Letters of rejection, appeal, and additional supporting depositions mention Henry Ethell's brothers Anthony and Sanford Ethell.]

[Ed. Note; Though not directly stated in the rejection notice, perhaps the reason: Anthony Ethell claimed to have served the summer 1781 tour for which Henry also claimed he served as a substitute for Anthony.]