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Pension Application of Zepheniah Harrison R4690

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State of Indiana } SS.

Vanderburgh County }

Probate Court August Term 1835

On this day personally appeared the declarant Zepheniah Harrison a resident of Vanderburgh County in the State of Indiana aged seventy three 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the fall of the year next preceeding the defeat and capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] but the date he does not remember, with a Sergant whose name he does not recollect and served in a regiment of the Virginia line the number of which he does not recollect under the following named officers.

Col. Davis [sic: William Davies], Cap't. William Bentley [sic: William Bentley] – the regiment to which he belonged was under the command of Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], the declarant does not recollect the names of any others of the officers of the regiment to which he belonged than those above mentioned. His Sergeant was a foreigner, he thinks a french man.

That at the time he entered the service he was residing in the County of Montgomery in the State of Virginia – that himself & Isaac & Peter Stiffey (or Stephens), Andrew & Henry Lore & Austin and Valentine Acres were all taken from the same County at the same time and served in the same Company for the same length of time. [See endnote.]

That he enlisted for the term of eighteen months & left the service about the month of June – certainly by the middle of August one year and six months at least after he entered the service – that he joined the army at Chesterfield Courthouse a short time before Christmas & helped to build a barrack there consisting of about one hundred & sixty Cabins expecting to remain there during the winter but was moved from there to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] where they staid for two or three weeks & thence down James River to near the mouth, thence back & were kept moving at short intervals during the whole time he served back & forth between the mouth of James River & Chesterfield court house on the same side of the river that Chesterfield Courthouse is situated on. That he was not in any battle, but was down near the mouth of James River at the time Cornwallis was defeated & captured – that he served nowhere but along and near James River

The declarant further states that his name is Harrison, but that in Virginia and elsewhere where he has lived, was and has been generally known by the name of Harris, & that not being capable of Reading or writing, he does not know by which name he was enlisted but thinks it probable he was enlisted by the name of Zephaniah Harris

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1835

Zepheniah hisXmark Harrison

NOTE:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following information: Zephaniah Harrison/ age 16/ height 5 7½/ farmer/ born in Frederick County/ residing in Montgomery County/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 11 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A note in the file states that Harrison's claim was rejected because he did not serve the minimum of six months. It is not clear how this conclusion was reached.

The Chesterfield size roll also includes the following mentioned by Harrison, all farmers residing

in Montgomery County who enlisted for 18 months:

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>age</u> | <u>height</u> | <u>place of birth</u> | <u>hair</u> | <u>eyes</u> | <u>complexion</u> | <u>enlisted</u> |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Isaac Stephens  | 19         | 5' 11"        | Frederick County      | brown       | black       | fair              | 11 Sep 1780     |
| Peter Stephens  | 17         | 5' 7½"        | ditto                 | brown       | black       | dark              | 11 Sep 1780     |
| Austin Acres    | 17         | 5' 6¼"        | Buckingham County     | brown       | gray        | fair              | 7 Sep 1780      |
| Valentine Acres | 18         | 5' 5¾"        | ditto                 | brown       | gray        | swarthy           | 7 Sep 1780      |
| Andrew Low      | 19         | 5' 7"         | Maryland              | light brown | hazel       | fair              | 11 Sep 1780     |
| Henry Low       | 22         | 5' 5"         | ditto                 | fair        | gray        | fair              | 11 Sep 1780     |

The following notation appears with the last two entries: "Deserted Oct 30 80 on the march to Smithfield."