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Pension Application of Stephen Biggs R833

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Green County court now sitting Stephen Biggs a resident of said County aged 80 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 in the early part of the revolutionary war he thinks in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall of the year 1775 or 1776 (though his recollection does not now enable him to speak with certainty of the date of the year) in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County State of Virginia he enlisted for the term of one year in the minute service under Captain Robison who was then raising a company of minute men, that he entered the service of the united states under captain Robison in his company of minute men and was stationed in the Town of Fredericksburg, that from the terms of his engagement he was, (together with the rest of the company) compelled to hold himself in readiness to march at all times when called on at a minutes warning, that they frequently marched under captain Robison a short distance from Fredericksburg & returned again & several times into King George County but all their marches were but a short distance from Town, that there was no invasion of the Town of Fredericksburg by the enemy during this applicants service under captain Robison, & he was in no battle, that he served out fully his term of one year under captain Robison in his company of minute men, and when not marching he was at all times during the year Equipped and in readiness according to the terms of his enlistment, which was to be at all times in readiness at a minute's warning; the name of the lieutenant he does not recollect, nor does he recollect that any regular officer was stationed at Fredericksburg during his service under captain Robison, there was an officer there by the name of Weeten who was then either a captain or colonel but whether he was a regular officer or not at that time this applicant does not recollect, that he had no written discharge but was verbally discharged by captain Robison after having served out his term of one year as above stated that after serving out the tour last above named he moved into Brunswick County Virginia, that he was drafted and entered into service in the malitia under the command of Captain House in Brunswick County Virginia, to the best of his recollection in the year 1778 or 1779 but the date is not certainly recollected, it was in the summer season but the month is not recollected, the name of the lieutenant he does not recollect, nor can he now recollect the name of the colonel under whom Captain House served, that he marched against the British in captain House's company and under his command to Brunswick Courthouse; at that courthouse several other captains companies collected; from Brunswick court House they marched to the Meherrin River and there captain House's Company together with the other captain's companies that were with them were stationed, that there were several companies stationed with captain's House's company, but he does not now recollect the name of any of the officers except captain House under whom he served, that he served under captain House Six weeks and was then verbally discharged by Captain House and returned Home and that he was in no battle during this tour that he was again drafted for a tour of 3 months in Brunswick County Virginia and entered into service under the command of Captain [Buckner] Stith in his company of malitia he thinks in the latter part of the year 1780 or first of the year 1781 though he can not speak with certainty as to the date, that he marched against the British from Brunswick County under Captain Stith to a Tavern which was called the long Ornery in Dinwiddie County [sic: Long Ordinary, 3 mi above Petersburg] and there they were joined by several other companies; from thence they marched to a small Town called Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] & remained there a few days, from there to Babb's Old field called by some Mackey's Mill, and were there stationed a short time during which time they were employed

scouting & marching through the country aroud Babbs Old field, from thence they marched near the British lines not far from Portsmouth which was then in possession of the British, that to the best of his recollection while at Babb's old field Howel Eldridge [sic: Howell Eldridge] the Lieutenant in Captain Stith's company took the command of the company in the room of Captain Stith who had resigned or was promoted to some higher office he does not recollect which, and Lieutenant Eldridge was commander of the company during the balance of the tour – that during this tour they were in some slight skirmishes with the enemy but in no battle of much importance, that to the best of his recollection the company in which he served during this tour belonged to Colonel Fleming's Redgiment & General Mulinberg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade, and that he thinks General Mulinberg was commander of both the malitia & regular's that he served out his tour of Three months fully and was discharged by Lieutenant Eldridge a little above and not far from Portsmouth he had however no written discharge that a short time after he returned home from the service of the 3 months tour last above named, there was a call for men to serve in guarding the Magazine which was kept in Brunswick County at One Richard Lamb's and there was a proclamation in the neighborhood where this applicant lived that any person who would serve in guarding s'd Magazine a tour of 3 months should receive a discharge for a tour of duty of 3 months and should be exhonerated and exempted from the next tour of duty in marching against the enemy – that this applicant accordingly turned out and entered into the service for a tour of 3 months in guarding said Magazine kept at Richard Lamb's as aforesaid, that himself and a number of other soldiers amounting in all to about 30 men were under the orders and command of said Richard Lamb who was called by the company Captain Lamb; that this applicant entered the service under the command of captain Lamb in guarding said Magazine to the best of his recollection in the month of July or August and he thinks in the year 1781 though of the date he is not certain, that he continued in service guarding said magazine to the best of his recollection One month and a half that then information was received of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [on 19 Oct 1781], and the service of this applicant in guarding the magazine was no longer considered necessary by captain Lamb, and this applicant together with the balance of the company were discharged by captain Lamb & returned home, but this applicant thinking that the war was at an end and that a written discharge would be of no service to him, neglected to take any discharge in writing – that from age and loss of memory it is impossible for this applicant to state the precise dates of his diferent tours of service in any fuller manner than he has done above – that he had a record of his age for a number of years past (though at this time it is not in his possession) & from that record and the best information he has he was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1755 that when first called into service he lived in spottsylvania County Virginia that after the revolutionary war he resided in Virginia until 1794 at which time he moved to Green County Kentucky where he has resided ever since – that he was called into service each time as above stated and served each tour as a private soldier except the 3 months tour under captain Stith & Lieutenant Eldridge during which tour he served as an Orderly Sergeant that from the nature of his services he was acquainted with but few officers except those above named – that he never re'd any written discharge – that he is well acquainted with many persons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and amongst them he would name John Yates, Pleasant Sandidge, William Hutcheson and Jacob Wilcox – that he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove any thing further in relation to his services than he has proven by the traditionary evidence herewith filed.

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Stephen Biggs