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Pension application of Archibald Pruett R8503

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State of Indiana County of Scott

On this 19th day of the month of August in the year 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of the said County of Scott in the said State of Indiana now sitting at the Court-house thereof in the town of Lexington in the said County of Scott, Archibald Pruett a resident of the Township of Vienna in the said County of Scott and State of Indiana aged eighty-eight years, the 25th day of December next 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 under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated -- That when he declarant was about 21 years of age, in the month of August does not recollect the day of the month nor the number of the year -- he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution as a substitute for and in place of John Cobb (the personal friend of declarant) who had been drafted to serve as a private in the militia of the State of North Carolina and that he declarant served as such substitute and private in the company of said Militia commanded by Captain Dotwell [could be Doswell] thinks as nearly as declarant can recollect that John McCummins was Lieutenant of the company and distinctly recollects Martin Jones was Ensign of the company -- in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Logan and believes John Brown -- who was Major at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina between 2 and 3 weeks when declarant was regularly discharged with the residue of the Company -- until further orders.

That afterwards when he declarant was about 23 years of age in the month of March does not recollect the day of the month nor the number of the year -- he declarant entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution as a volunteer and served as a private in the Company of Militia Light horse of the State of North Carolina (at Gilford [sic, Guilford] in the said State of North Carolina) under the command of Captain Isaac Nowell or Norwall precise name not exactly recollected in the Regiment or Battalion or Detachment (not exactly now recollected which) under the command of Colonel or General Pickens (Colonel Cleveland sometimes being present) that shortly after he declarant joined said Company of Light horse in said service Captain Norall above named being taken sick and confined of his sickness the Company was then commanded by Captain Wallace -- after the Battle at Guilford in the State of North Carolina -- that he declarant entered the service and did serve in said Company of Light horse the time or tour of 8 months during which time of said service he declarant with said Company was in the battle at Guilford above mentioned which was fought between the Americans and British he declarant as nearly as he can recollect believes that Major Brown also

belonged to and had command of the Regiment or Battalion of light horse to which he declarant belonged -- declarant thinks that Lieutenant Burroughs was Lieutenant in the Light horse Company to which he belonged -- that as nearly as declarant now recollects the American Army at the Battle at Guilford was commanded on that occasion by Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Lee and General or Colonel Morgan -- that General Morgan commanded the Riflemen on the right wing that General Lee commanded the Light horse on the left wing and that General Greene commanded in the center of the American forces during the battle thinks General Greene principally commanded on that occasion against Cornwallis who commanded the British -- there -- that after the battle at Guilford was over he declarant was put under the command of Captain Doswell to take care of the wounded that of the American soldiers that had been conveyed to the Derricks on Dan River in North Carolina where declarant remained about 4 or 5 weeks then he declarant was sent to Saluda old town in Randolph County in the State of South Carolina where he was under the command of Captain Well or Nowell Major Brown -- and General Pickens against the Tories many of whom were killed by the Company and that part of the American forces to which declarant then belonged during his service he declarant recollects the names of some few of the Tories whom he declarant saw killed and [word obliterated] to kill during that part of his services namely Gray and Foster and Mootery Finly and Chappel and three Turners, Dick, Ned and Dav [sic, Dave?] -- of the Tories killed on that occasion -- that he declarant was in 4 or 5 of skirmishes against the Tories that he declarant after having fully served the whole of his said term of 8 months was regularly discharged from the service -- that declarant furnished his own horse saddle bridle arms and equipage -- during his said term of 8 months service in the Light horse as above mentioned at his individual expence for which he has never received any pay or procure near a compensation nor has he ever received any pay for any of his services above mentioned -- that he declarant recollects that some of the skirmishes in which he was engaged against the Tories during his service were at Bull Swamp, Enoree, Ninety Six and at Saluda in South Carolina aforesaid that he declarant recollects the officers of the Army of the Revolution above named he also recollects Captain Butler also recollects Captain Buths [?] under whom declarant on one occasion pursued the Tories & caught some of them. That he declarant's memory has so considerably failed that he cannot now recollect much and many of the particulars of the history of his life and services in the War of the Revolution he does not know in what year he was born otherwise than that he recollects that from the account he has of his age he was born on Christmas and will be eighty-eight years of age the 25th of December next as above mentioned that he has no record of his age -- that he was living when called into service near Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina above stated that since he left the service he resided in Randolph County in the State of South Carolina [sic, Randolph County is in North Carolina, not South Carolina] about 21 years or upwards thence he removed to the State of Kentucky about 15 miles from Lexington in that State where he resided about 8 years thence he removed to Washington County in the State of Kentucky where he resided about 5 years or more then he removed to Elk Creek in Washington County in the State of Indiana where he has resided about 10 or 12 years thence he removed to Vienna Township County of Scott and State of Indiana aforesaid where he has ever since resided and now resides as above mentioned.

That he declarant received a discharge from the service each time the first time by Captain John Doswell whose name is above mentioned the 2nd time by Captain Norwell or Brown thinks Captain Norrell whose names are above mentioned that both discharges were in writing and have been destroyed by fire in declarant's house when it was burned while he resided

at Saluda in the State of South Carolina above named --

That he declarant is known in his present neighborhood to Elisha G. English Jacob Killion who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

That he declarant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service --

That 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

S/ Archibald Pruett, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Willis L. Traylor, CSCC

[Elisha G. English and Jacob Killion gave the standard supporting affidavit.]