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Pension application of John Rikard R8820

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State of Alabama County of Monroe

On this the 15th day of July in the year of our Lord 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe County aforesaid now sitting John Rikard a resident citizen of Monroe County in the State of Alabama aged eighty 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 7th of June 1832. He was a citizen of Newberry District in the State of South Carolina; He was neither drafted nor volunteered, but was called out together with the entire company to which he belonged of the South Carolina Militia, Just before the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs]; He cannot remember the year, William Hargill [?] was his Captain, but was under parole and William Taylor was the acting Captain. Jonas Beard was Colonel of the Regiment to which the Company in which this applicant was, the long; and Colonel Beard's Regiment along to the Brigade commanded by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. From Newberry district the Regiment marched down to Ancrum's ferry on Broad River and remained there 10 or 12 days. From thence the Brigade under the command of General Pickens marched down to Sandy River one days march and stayed there 3 or 4 days when he was taken sick and discharged. In a few days afterwards the battle of Eutaw took place; when the whole Brigade commanded by General Pickens was discharged. In the following winter he was called upon and went in pursuit of William Cunningham and his party who had burned General Butler's Father's house and committed some murders in their expedition. In this expedition he set out in a company commanded by Captain Hunzell [?], David Glenn and John Landsey were the Colonels -- Captain Hanzell's [?] Company joined the Regiment under the command of Glenn and Lindsey at John Cot's plantation in Newberry district South Carolina from thence they marched over into Edgefield District South Carolina and found the Brigade under the command of General Pickens who commanded in person, when they were joined by Colonel Hammond's of South Carolina Dragoons from there the Brigade under General Pickens marched across Bull Swamp -- and Colonel Hammond of the Dragoons marched down to the South side of the Edisto River -- from Bull Swamp General Pickens marched back to the fork of the Edisto where Cunningham was encamped -- according to the plan of arrangements previously made between Pickens and Hammond -- (but Cunningham was gone) when General Pickens and Colonel Hammond rejoined their forces -- from thence they turned back for home. In the spring following he was drafted to go down to Orangeburg and on the 15th of April started under Captain William Hunzell and Jonas Beard as Colonel and at Orangeburg Colonel Beard's Regiment joined the brigade under the command of General Hammond, formerly Colonel Hammond of the Militia, where they remained 10 or 12 days, from there they marched to

Ashapoo or Pon Pon, where they remained a few days then marched from there to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River and joined General Marion, and on the 15th of Made the following were finally discharged, having served one month in the expedition the period for which he was drafted but was not in any engagement, neither was he in any engagement during his military service, but knows that he was out in all more than 3 months. He never received at a written discharge at any time. This applicant is now at a loss to determine at what time he entered the service than anything else so far as the exact year is concerned, having no documentary evidence and there being no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to the time at which he entered & was discharged from the service that he cannot speak with certainty.

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 in the United States.

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

S/ James McColl, Clerk

S/ John Rikard

[John Daily, a clergyman, and Owen Daily gave the standard supporting affidavit. Further, Owen Daily¹ "says that he knows the fact that the said John Rikard was a soldier of the Revolution, but when he entered the service, how long he served or when or how discharged he knows not; that he knows the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration to be substantially true...."]

¹ FPA R2622