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Pension application of William Riley R8828

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Georgia Henry County: On this the 5th day of August in the year 1833, personally came before the Justices of the Inferior Court (now sitting) of Henry County William Riley of the County of Henry State aforesaid aged seventy-one years -- who after 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 7th 1832.

He was drafted as a Militia man in the County of Orange in North Carolina in the Army of the United States -- The year he cannot recollect, that it was the year in which the battle of Guilford Court House¹ was fought -- he served under Colonel Dudley [Guilford Dudley²], commander of a Regiment -- his Captains were Thompson & Evans. He was drafted for a 3 months tour -- his father hired James Clark as a substitute for deponent, who served out the 3 months -- he does[not?] know where he marched to -- He was drafted a second time under Captain Evans or Thompson cannot recollect which, cannot recollect the Colonel of the Regiment, but knows one Colonel Taylor was in the Army with them -- also Major Sharp, Generals Butler & Green [sic Nathanael Greene]. From Orange County, he marched to Hot [sic Haw?] River & joined Butler's Army, marched up the Haw River to Guilford Court House, met Greene's Army at the high rock Ford on Haw River -- marched after the British forces to Deep River, stayed a week & was one of the few that was selected & marched to Campden [sic, Camden] under General Greene, remained there a week, before a Battle took place between Greene's Army & Lord Rawdon -- Greene's Army was here surprised, by an attack, ~~from~~ the enemy came upon our forces, when the regulars were somewhat scattered, & just on the return of the militia from a march to mills during the night after meal -- Greene retreated six or seven miles -- & the British marched off -- he was three months in this service, & was discharged by Colonel Dudley in writing -- which he kept for 30 years but cannot now be found -- To the question 1st Where and in what year were you born? He answers -- in Baltimore County, State of Maryland -- on the 31st May 1762 To 2nd question. He has no record of his age. To the 3rd he was living in Orange County North Carolina when called into service -- has lived in Orange County North Carolina until 35 or 40 years of age & then moved to Wilkes County Georgia -- near the line between Wilkes County & -- remained there about 25 years -- then moved to Morgan County -- lived there 4 years, then moved to Jasper County lived there 2 years -- then moved to Henry County & has lived here ever since. He is known to John Reese [?], Benjamin H. Wilson, Benjamin Owen, James Butler, William

¹ March 1781

² [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

Moore & these his neighbors.

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person alive who can testify to his service.

Wilson Lumpkin Governor of Georgia has known deponent for about 30 or 35 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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 day and year aforesaid.

S/ John T. Bentley, JIC

S/ William Riley, X his mark

[Benjamin H. Wilson, a clergyman, and Benjamin Owen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]