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Pension Application of William Ross R9028

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On this twenty ninth Day of November in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty two, Personally appeared here in open Court before the Honorable Green Seat, Anthony F. Read and Joseph Patterson, Esquires, Justices of the County Court of the Count of Cooper aforesaid, being a Court of Record, now being in session, William Ross aged Sixty Eight Years and Resident in Boonville Township in the County & State aforesaid, who being here by the Court 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 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. He says that he entered the service of the United States in or about the first of May in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty one – That he first entered the service under one Thomas Smith, Captain, in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia – That he was Drafted & That he marched thence to Prince Edward Court house, and there one Captain Allen (whose Christian name this affiant does not recolect) took the command as Captain – One Henry Skippeth [sic: Henry Skipwith] and one [William] Campbell being Colonels commanding the Regiment there. This Affiant believes that a man by the name of [Robert] Lawson was the Brigadier General there at that time. That this affiant remained at Prince Edward Court House some two or three Days, when he together with the Regiment aforesaid marched thence near James Town where he remained with said Regiment some three or four Days. Then he was marched thence to Botom’s Bridge on Chickahomany [sic: Bottoms Bridge on Chickahominy River] where this affiant got his Discharge, which was granted him by the said Henry Skippeth, being Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel, which was done some time in the month of July after he entered the army as aforesaid. This affiant further states that whilst the Regiment to which he belonged was at or near James Town as aforesaid, that Generals [Anthony] Wayne and [Daniel] Morgan with the men under their Command attacked the British at said Town and had a considerable skirmish [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], and the night following the British Evacuated the place. This affiant also recolects that Gen’l. Lafayett [sic: Lafayette] was at James Town at the same time, and was high in Command as this affiant [illegible word]. This affiant further states that when he entered the service as aforesaid, he resided in said County of Henry on Smith River in Virginia, near the mouth of Nichol’s Creek. This affiant further states that the discharge which he got as aforesaid, has since been burnt by the burning of his house. He states that he has no Documentary Evidence by which he can prove that he served in the army as aforesaid, but that he verily believes that he can verify the same by David Jones [pension application S17517] of Cooper County aforesaid –

And this affiant states that he hereby freely relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity, Except the present, & I do declare that my name is not on the Pension list or Roll of the Agency of any state –

[signed] Wm Ross

The undersigned David Jones of Cooper County in the State of Missouri, being duly sworn according to law, on his oath says, that he has been acquainted with the above named William Ross for about sixty years – that some time in the Spring of the Year 1781, the said Ross was a militiaman and belonged to a Company in Henry County in the State of Virginia which was commanded by one Owen Ruble [sic: Owen Rubell], Captain – that this affiant was Sergeant of said Company. This affiant well recolects, during said spring, of ordering said Ross by the Command of said Ruble to enter into the service of the United States as a Soldier – that this affiant did not see said Ross Enter into the service, but this affiant lived in the same neighborhood with said Ross, and it was universally said and acknowledged that said Ross had entered

the service agreeably to said order. The precise length of the tour which he was ordered to serve this affiant does not recolect, but he believes it was about three months. The said Ross did serve the tour faithfully as this affiant verily believes, for he was Patriotic and so were his family. This affiant further states that in some one or two years after the spring 1781, this affiant was promoted or became the Captain of said Company Commanded by said Ruble as aforesaid, and this affiant recolects to have seen an entry upon the list or militia roll of that Company a credit in favour of said Ross of his having performed the Tour of duty which he was ordered to perform as aforesaid – which entry was made in the hand writing of said Ruble, Captain. the said Ross continued to reside in Virginia for several years after serving in the army as aforesaid – since which time he has resided first in Kentucky & now & for some years in Missouri. and this affiant verily believes that the said Ross in his said Declaration hath stated the truth and nothing but the truth. [Certified 26 Nov 1832.] [signed] David Jones