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Pension Application of David Blue R964

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State of Kentucky } SS

County of Union }

On this 15th day of October 1838, personally appeared in open court before William Anderson George F Catlett Joseph Vaughn Robert J B Gilchrist the Court of Union County now sitting, David Blue, a resident of said County of Union and State of Kentucky aged seventy eight 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 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

That in the year 1778 & 1779 he resided in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia that in the fall 1779, he was drafted at Shepherdstown then Berkley County Virginia for a three months tour of militia duty in the service of the United States in the army of the Revolution – that he and a few others who were then drafted (were not marched north as most of the drafted men were then marched) were attached, to waggons and teams, and were employed in haling flour from Berkley County to Cumberland old fort at or near the foot of the Alleghany mountain [Allegheny Mountains] for the use of the United States – who ordered the change of service he does not now recollect, but he was put with his waggon & team, (owned by his father Uriah Blue) under the command of Capt Duncan Campbell and twenty four waggons & teams & driven were engaged in haling the flour aforesaid, and he made three trips from Berkley to Cumberland old fort and back and at the end of the third trip received from Capt Campbell a written discharge for a three months tour of militia duty, as had been stipulated when he was transferred from the militia drafted to march, to driving the waggon as aforesaid

That in the spring 1780 Capt James Qualey and Lieut. James Kerney were in the recruiting service, and he then enlisted under them, to serve during the War, at Shepherdstown Berkley County Virginia, that he remained with the recruits in the service of the United States at Shepherdstown for four months lacking one week. Capt Qualey died in the meantime, and Lieut. afterwards Capt Kerney took command of the recruiting service at this place – that Uriah Blue, his father, having great need of his personal services at home, hired a stout able bodied man named John Lindsey as a substitute in his place – and by the consent of Capt Kerney the said John Lindsey was received and substituted in the service in his room and stead, and Capt Kerney gave him a discharge and certificate stating that he had furnished a stout able bodied man – to serve during the war in his place – this paper has also been lost destroyed or mislaid – After the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he went to Winchester to see the prisoners & some friends who were there on guard – he found as one of the guard his relation Jacob Blue very sick, he consented to serve out said Jacob Blues tour and by the consent of Capt McCarty who had command of said Jacob he was substituted in his place and he continued in the service until the prisoners were marched across the Potomac in a short time after at Shepherdstown – they crossed the Potomac in as cold a spell of weather as he believes he ever felt – he with the militia or guard were then discharged – That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he was born on the 9th day of June 1760 in Pennsylvania, Bucks County he believes – there is a record of his age in his Bible, taken from the Bible of his father – his own Bible is at his house in this county When called or drafted into service he lived in Berkley County Virginia – lived there until until he moved to Kentucky in 1808 and he has lived in Kentucky in Henderson and Union County since 1808 and now lives & has lived in Union since it became a County in 1811 – He was first drafted into service at

Shepherdstown – that he afterwards enlisted during the war – furnished a substitute in his place – was afterwards a substitute for Jacob Blue all particularly stated in his declaration above – not having joined the army in active service, he can give no names of officers or circumstances except as detailed in his declaration – Having lived on the same place in Union County since 1811 he can refer to every men in the neighborhood to testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief that they believe he has performed the services above named and he will refer to George Johnson & John Blue as persons to whom he is well known & confided in ever since he lived in Kentucky

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] David Blue