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Pension Application of John Bohannon R989

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State of Kentucky } Sct

County of Shelby }

Be it known that on this 16th day of September, in the year 1833 personally appeared before Henry Bohannon a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Shelby and one of the Justices of the Shelby County Court Helen Bohannon widow and relict of John Bohannon deceased a resident of the said County aged 77 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7th June 1832. – She states and deposes that she was married to John Bohannon deceased on the 7th day of January 1774 in the County of Pittsylvania in the state of Virginia – that in the fall of the year 1779 she and her said husband moved to Kentucky to that part of it now known as the County of Mercer – that they immediately joined the little Garrison in the fort at Wilson’s Station [Henry Wilson’s Station on Salt River near the mouth of Dry Run] which had been erected to assist in the protection and defence of the frontier settlements – that her said husband remained in the said fort as a part of the Garrison thereof for two whole years except when he was absent therefrom on scouting parties and upon regular tours of duty several of which he performed during that period – that she also remained in the fort during the whole of said period. She states and declares that she distinctly recollects that her said husband performed a six weeks tour of duty as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt John Ellison during which tour he went with Gen’l. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] upon the expedition against Peccaway [sic: Piqua Indian town on Great Miami River in OH, destroyed 8 Aug 1780] which she thinks was in the year 1780: in the month of July of that year she thinks he entered the service upon his said tour. She further states that she distinctly remembers that he went on another tour of one month in the month of [blank] in the year 1781 to Lees Town [Leestown] where he was engaged as she understood from him & others in making canoes for the public service – that he was a volunteer soldier also upon this tour and served under Capt [blank] as well as she remembers. She states also that she recollects distinctly of his again entering the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the month of April 1782 upon a tour of one month in the company of Capt. [blank] and that he was marched to the widow Harbersons where he served out his tour by his substitute John Willis. She further states that she recollects of various other small tours which he performed under Capts [blank] but she cannot now state the number of them nor the points to which they were directed in consequence of her advanced age and consequent loss of memory; but from her best recollection she is confident that he did not serve less than three tours of one month each by substitute over and above those particularly mentioned – that he served them as a private volunteer soldier and she is confident that the whole of his services upon regular tours of duty between the time of his entering the fort at Wilsons Station that being in the month of October in the year 1779 and the fall of the year 1783 did not amount to less than six months. She also states that during the said period viz: from the month of Oct. 1779 up to the fall of the year 1783 he was engaged in a number of scouting parties against the Indians how many however and at what particular times she cannot say but from her present best recollection she states that he must have served not less during that period than three months in that way. And during the balance of said period and whilst he was not engaged in active service upon regular tours of duty and scouting parties he was stationed in the fort and constituted a part of its Garrison. She states that the whole of his services rendered in the manner above named did not fall short of nine months on tours & scouts and according to her present best recollection they were all performed as a private volunteer soldier. She states also that the whole of said services were performed against the Indians. She further states and declares that her said husband, the said John Bohannon departed this life on the 10th

day of July 1832 in Shelby County Ky. where he then resided that she has herself continued to reside and still resides in the same county and that by reason of her bodily infirmity she is unable to attend court to make her statement. She also states that the said John Bohannon was 77 years of age at the time of his death.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above named. Helen herXmark Bohannon

NOTES:

Hannah Scott, 70, stated that she and her husband, James Scott, came to Wilson's Station in the fall of 1779, and that "John Bohannon was always ready to volunteer in defence of the people, when menaced by the Indians."

The claim was not allowed, because at least six months of actual service under a regularly constituted authority was not proved.