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Pension Application of Simon Bridwell S10417

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State of Kentucky } SS:

County of Spencer }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County now sitting Simon Bridwell resident in the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky aged seventy six 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

The said Simon Bridwell states that he was drafted as a private soldier in the County of Stafford & State of virginia in the malitia [sic] of said State for 12 months tour of duty that he entered the service about the month of October in the year 1776 under Capt'n. William Washington in the [3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Continental] Regiment Commanded by Colonel [Hugh] Mercer he states that he was marched from Stafford County to Dumfries & there joined the Regiment; after a time he is unable to say how long he was marched from Dumfries to Alexandria & there we remained a while, from thence he was marched to Norfolk virginia & there we remained the winter; in the Spring of 1777 we were marched into the state of Pennsylvania, he states that he was in hearing of the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] but was not in the engagement having been detailed to bring in Bacon or guard them, that he was discharged in the State of Pennsylvania in the months or October or November the year 1777 but cant say which month, knows it was cold weather, neither can he say at what particular place as his memory is very frail & he very illiterate. He states he was in no Battles or actual engagements during the term of his services afs'd. neither can he at this period from the failure of his intellect give a particular and detailed statement of all the movements of the army while he was in the service, and indeed can recollect the names of but very few of the officers, the names of Washington, [Nathanael] Greene & [Henry] Knox are very familiar to him, but no others. He states he has no written discharge if he ever had he has lost it, & being unable to read he has a bad chance to take care of papers, he has no documentary evidence, & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states that from the information of his parents he was born in Stafford County Virginia in the year 1756 but don't know what month, that he continued to live in said County until the year 1807 when he moved to the County of Nelson in the state of Kentucky that he resided in Nelson County until 1824 when the County of Spencer was stricken off & formed, & he fell into Spencer County & that he has resided in Spencer County ever since & now resides in Spencer County. 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Simon hisXmark Bridwell