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Pension Application of Robert Black S1167

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct

On this 8th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Woodford County Court now sitting Robert Black a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged near Eighty two 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 7th 1832

That he was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia. That sometime after the commencement of the war of the revolution the time he cannot recollect distinctly, but probably two or three years he volunteered in the company commanded by Capt Robert Bohannan [probably Robert Buchanan] that the company was marched up new River to Bakers settlement in pursuit of the Tories (at this time he resided in Montgomery county in Virginia) on this tour they took several of the tories after having served five or six weeks he marched back to his own neighborhood and honorably discharged by his Captain. Some time after the before mentioned tour he again volunteered under the command of Captain Isaac Campbell. Michael Graves Lieut. They were he believes first marched to Dunkers bottom on New river [sic: Dunkard Bottom, now Claytor Lake] in pursuit of the tories. they were then marched down New River to Drapers meadows [now Blacksburg] where they remained some time and caught a good many of the Tories they were then marched into Carolina on the Yadkin to the Moravian town [Salem, Bethabara, or Bethlehem] on this trip they took up a number of Tories we were then marched to the heads of New River and the Yadkin here they had a skirmish with the tories had one man killed. several of the tories were also killed after this we returned home and were discharged having served three months. The next tour we served in the company commanded by Robert Bohannan and in the regiment commanded by Colonel [William] Preston. We were marched to the Moravian Town from thence to Guildford courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC] from thence to Haw river here we had a chase after Tarleton we remained sometime in the neighborhood of the British there was a small skirmish near a creek [probably at Clapp's Mill on Alamance Creek, 2 Mar 1781] in which several of the militia were killed we were then march near Whitzels mill on Haw river where we had a fight and were dispersed by the British and made the best of our way home [see endnote] this tour he thinks he served five weeks. Besides the Tours before mentioned he served several short tours some of them he recollects distinctly were under Capt Bohannan already named some of those tours were short owing to the disturbances occasioned by the Tories who were numerous in the neighborhood. in consequence of which he was frequently and suddenly called on duty he from the best calculation that he has been able to make believes he served in the whole about Seven months he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 or Territory

In addition to the services rendered as stated in the foregoing declaration he served a tour under the command of Col William Campbell and he thinks in the company commanded by Capt Love at which time he was marched to Bakers settlement on New river the length of this tour he cannot certainly say but believes it must have been a month or six weeks as it generally took about that length of time for a tour from where he lived to Bakers settlement [signed] Robert Black

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Robert Black who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that by reason of old age and the consequent

loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time of his services but according to the best of recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his declaration but probably more all his services were rendered in the Militia as a private under the officers mentioned and after a lapse of more than fifty years he cannot be more precise in his statement

Signed and sworn to before me this 26th of August 1833

[signed] Robert Black

NOTE: After the skirmish at Wetzel's Mill on Reed Fork of Haw River on 6 Mar 1781, many of the soldiers went home without waiting to be discharged.