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Pension Application of Michael Widmeyer S11857
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State of Virginia }
County of Morgan } SS.

On this 24th day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Morgan now sitting, Michael Widmeyer a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged nearly 72 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated; viz: In September 1780 then being a private in a company commanded by Capt'n. Henry Ambrose, under Col. [Van] Swearingen, in Berkeley County Va. he was drafted for a three months tour, into a company of drafted men, put under the command of Culbert Anderson, Captain & Lieutenant Whiteneck to be rendezvoused at Hillsborough North Carolina, after being drafted he went to Winchester Va. and the draft not being ready to proceed to the place of rendezvous, Col. Smith (now Genl. Smith) [probably Daniel Smith] detained him one week in guarding prisoners, for which he drew rations. From Winchester he marched to Hillsborough N.C. General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper County] commanded the brigade to which Anderson was attached thence to Salsborough [sic: Salisbury NC] & from there to near Charlottsville [sic: Charlotte NC] and lay there 2 or 3 weeks thence thro the battleground where Bluford had been defeated [sic: Col. Abraham Buford, defeated at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], and on toward Charles Town [Charleston] S.C. Crossing the big Petee river [sic: Pee Dee River], to Hick's Creek [near Cheraw SC], to General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] headquarters; here he remained untill some time in February 1781 in the same corps, then marched back with Genl. Stephens' brigade towards N. Carolina, and when within about 3 miles of the Town of Salsborough information was received that Lord Cornwallis was there; then turned off to a ferry on Yadkin river, which the troops crossed after some considerable delay as it was high, which circumstance also prevented the enemy from pursuing them closely. Then marched on to Guilford Courthouse, and then on to Pittsylvania Courthouse Va. some prisoners having been taken on the way. At Pittsylvania Courthouse, all the companies of Genl. Stephens' brigade were discharged, except that of Capt Anderson, which remained in the service at the request of Genl. Stephens to take charge of a party of prisoners brought from Carolina. This applicant as a member of Capt'n. Anderson's Company still remained in service and helped to convey the prisoners to Albemarle barracks Va., where he and the other members of said Company were discharged in Aprile 1781 having served upwards of six months.

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.

Michael Widmeyer

Questions by the Court,

1st. Where, and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Harford County state of Maryland near deer creek on the 23rd May 1761.

2^d Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Ans. There is a record of my age, in the bible formerly owned by my dec'd. father; that bible is now in the possession of my sister some distance hence.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Berkeley Va. Since the war I have lived within the bounds of the present County of Morgan Va. I now live in said last named County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute; if a

substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. our brigade was commanded by General Stephens of Culpepper I think [James] Lucas was our Col. I also remember Col. Glen [possibly John Glenn] and Majr [George] Stubblefield, Major Morris who was brigade Major and a fine clever Irishman. Green was the commander in chief when we were in Carolina, in the body of my declaration I have been as minute as I can recollect as to the circumstances of my services.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Answer I did receive one; It was given by my Captain Culbert Anderson in May 1781 some time after his company was disbanded at Albemarle. At the time of dismissal I think no soldier got his discharge; they were promised to be given when called for, I called & got mine; It specified for two tours of duty performed; we were called out as drafted only for 1 term and farther detained in Virginia as I have before stated I of Capt. Anderson's Company served upwards of six months; for this cause my discharge specified two tours of 3 months each. I kept the discharge until a year or two past, when meeting with it after reading it over attentively and deeming it useless I threw it away.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Among the many persons to whom I am known, I refer specially to the Rev'd. Matthias Rezer who, besides his general acquaintance with me, has, I think some personal knowledge of my services. I also submit the affidavit of John Hawkins of Hampshire County Va.[pension application S5451] taken before Marquis Monroe a justice of that County. This affidavit is very informally taken and wants the proper authentication, that Marquis Monroe is a justice of the peace of that County. Being infirm, I sent the affidavit to the Clerk of Hampshire County for his certificate and the County seal; but it was returned by him stating such a step to be unnecessary. Mr. Armstrong our representative in Congress can satisfy the department that Mr. Monroe is a justice of the peace of his county and is acquainted with the affiant John Hawkins.

Michael Widmeyer [sic]

State of Virginia }

Morgan County } SS. Be it known that on this 18th day of March 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said county Mathias Ambrose now in the 69th year of his age, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that in the fall of 1780 Michael Widmeyer of this county and an applicant for a pension was a private in a company of Militia of Berkeley County Va. commanded by Captain Henry Ambrose the father of this deponent, that he saw the said Widmeyer then drafted into the United States Service to be sent to the South, and that the said Widmeyer marched to Carolina and returned some time next summer; This affiant has often heretofore heard that the said Widmeyer behaved well in the service and served out his time like a man This affiant had a brother drafted into the service at the same time said Michael Widmeyer was, and his said brother was killed at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781]. This deponent is, and for a very long time, has been well acquainted with said Widmeyer and believes that his statements of his services are true

[signed] Mathias Ambrose

NOTE: In the pension application of William Smith (S7561) is a supporting deposition dated 24 Jan 1844 by Sarah Widmeyer, about 70, widow of Michael Widmeyer. She stated that her husband had been dead five or six years.