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Pension Application of Charles Cooksey S12540

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State of Virginia Lunenburg County. (SS)

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834 personally appeared in Open Court being being a Court of Record for the County of Lunenburg and now siting Charles Cooksey Resident of said County, aged 72 years next June 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 Volunteered in a tower of service of four months in the Revolutionary Ware on the first day of March 1781 and marched from Belfield in the County of Greenville in a Company Commanded by Capt'n. Laurance House [sic: Lawrence House] to pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] and there was attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col. [Alexander] Dick and marched from that to Petersburg and was in the battle at that place with [Gen. Benedict] Arnold and [Gen. William] Phillips [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and after that we were marched to Richmond And from that to Williamsburg where we Remained some time and were again marched to Richmond where we were discharged By Col. Dick on the last of June 1781 (haveing served his full tower of four months) which discharge has since been lost And on the first of September 1781 he became a substitute for James Bass of the County of Brunswick and marched from that County in a Company Commanded by Capt'n. Fox in a tower of three months to Jamestown and from that to Yorktown where he was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Col. Elliott where he Remained untill the surrender of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct] and after the Surrender we remained there untill he was discharged on the first of December by Col. Elliott haveing served his full tower of three months which discharges have since been lost. he does not know of any person liveing that he can prove his servises or discharges but he well knows that he served his full tower in each case and was honourably discharged, And that he never served in any other Capacity than that of a Common Soldier

And in answer to the different Interrogatories prescribed by the War department he answers thus

Quest'n 1 & 2 Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r I have no Record of my age but from what I have understood I were born in the State of Maryland and shall be 72 years of Age next June

Quest'n 3 Where were you liveing when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Ans'r I lived in the County of Greenville when called into service And now live in the County of Lunenburg

Quest'n 4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute

Ans'r In my first tower I Volunteered and in my second tower I were a substitute

Quest'n 5 State the names of some of the 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'r In my first tower we were Commanded by Barren Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] and some times by Lafayette and in my second tower we were in the seige at york the whole time of the Seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]

Quest'n. 6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans'r. In my first tower I received a discharge which was signed by Col. Dick and in my second tower I received a discharge which was signed by Col Elliott and both discharges have

since been lost

Quest'n 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your Carrector for Veracity and their belief of your servises as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans'r. I am known in my neighbourhood by the Rev'd Pleasant Barnes. Also By John T. Streets, John Johns & David Street

He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Anuity Except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

Charles hisXmark Cooksey