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Pension Application of Edmund Archer S12936

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State of Kentucky } SS

Oldham County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Washington Carter William Ford and James S. Crutchfield the county court of Oldham now sitting Edmund Archer resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy three 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 first in the latter part of the year 1777 the time not precisely recollected, under Capt Ephm Rucker [Ephraim Rucker], Lieut. Jeremiah Kirtby [possibly Jeremiah Kirtley] and Ensign Armisted Minor [Armistead Minor] as a volunteer under a call from the Governor of Virginia & proceeded as far as the Bowling Green in Caroline County Virginia where they met an Express ordering them to return home recruit more men and join Gen'l. Washington at White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA] that after remaining a short time he proceeded on under the same company officers, the whole detachment under the command of Colo. James Pendleton untill they joined the main army at White Marsh and were then attached to Gen'l Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] brigade. that he continued at that time in service to the best of his recollection three months — 2^{ndly} he discharg a short tour of duty as a substitute though cannot now precisely recollect the year. 3^{rdly} On the 2nd April 1781 he was drafted and marched with the Militia from Culpeper County Virginia under the command of Colo. James Slaughter; Capt. Rob't. Pollard [Robert Pollard], Leut. James Gains & Ensign Duval were the Company officers – that they proceded down to James River, crossed it at Sandy point and were attached to Gen'l. Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Command – that he remained on the south side of the river, continually in motion untill the battle at Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] when he recrossed the river and joined the army under the command of Gen'l. LaFayette at Richmond City & on the 29th may the Culpeper Militia were discharged at Dandridges Mills about twenty miles above Richmond.

4^{thly} and Lastly He was ordered down in the month of Aug't or September 1781 to Williamsburg under the command of Capt Watts and joined the brigade of Gen'l. Edward Stevens and after manouevering thro that part of the state, he finally proceeded with the army to the Siege of York, remained there untill the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and marched from thence with the Prisoners to the Winchester barracks and at the termination of each term of service he received an honourable discharge – that these discharges have have from the great lapse of time been all destroyed or lost and that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services nor is there any man living in this part of the Country that has any personal knowledge of the service rendered – that he was born & raised in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia and that from the information of his father he was born on the 27th day of April 1759 – that he lived in the County of Culpeper untill the spring of 1795 when he removed to Kentucky and has resided here ever since. he lastly states that he is confident of having faithfully served his country in the several tours more than seven months [signed] Edm Archer

[Gabriel Barbour of Oldham County deposed that he was too young to have direct knowledge of Archer's service, but that his older brothers said they had served with Archer.]

NOTE: On 6 May 1859 Jesse W. Archer of French Lick in Orange County IN inquired about bounty land and an increase in his father's pension. In a later correspondence he referred to a sister living in Kentucky.