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Pension Application of Ansel Goodman S13175

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State of Ky.

Russell County Sct.

On this twenty ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, it being a court of Record, sitting in and for the county afd, Ansel Goodman, resident of said county, aged about eighty years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress pass'd 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That in the state of Virginia in the County of Bedford in the year as well as he can now remember 1777, he inlisted in the service of the united states, under Capn. Charles Watkins and was ordered to Kentucky with the balance of the company for the purpose of assisting the inhabitants in their battles against the British and Indians. That the Company was composed of Fifty odd men. That they were promis'd Forty shillings per month, and the period of their enlistment was for six months. That very soon after their enlistment, they were marched to Kentucky by their Capn and arrived at Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough in present Madison County] on the Kentucky River in the now state of Ky which was a Fort, sometimes called a station, at which place we found Col. Daniel Boon [sic: Daniel Boone], and some men and families under his command. We were placed under the command also, of Col. Boon, and acted in the capacity of defenders of the Fort agaist the enemy and also as Indian spies some considerable time after being so employed upon constant duty and very short allowance, himself and as well as he can now recollect about thirty others under the command of Col. Boone, were ordered out upon an expedition to make salt for the use of those in the Fort. They marched to a place about 70 or 80 miles from the Fort then and now known and called the Blue Licks [in Nicholas County KY]. after being there about three weeks, engaged making salt Col. Boone was absent from the company hunting and trapping, when a party of Shawnees, of about one hundred Indians commanded by their Chief Black Fish, fired several guns at him as he Boon told this applicant, and run him some distance and he Boone discovering he would be taken, stopted, put his Gun behind a tree, stepped out, and gave up [8 Feb 1778]. – The Indians then marched with Col Boone, to where the balance of us were, and we were ordered by Col. Boone to stack our guns and surrender. We did so we were all taken first to the Indians Towns over the Ohio River on the Little Miame [sic: Miami] Some of the company were taken to the British. This applicant and a few others were retained by the Indians, and from the day we was taken up to the time he run off, a period of eight months, he suffered mesery and wretchedness, hunger, cruelty and oppression of almost every sort. The night after he was taken, is arms were tied behind him, a rope or Buffeloes Tug [raw hide] tied fast around his middle, and then made fast to an Indian on each side of him, and the one around his arms was made to go around his neck, and tied fast to a Tree, and in that position he had to sleep upon the Snow. a little while before he reached the Indian Town, he was compell'd to strip himself cold, a[nd] was entirely naked, his arms again made fast and a load of Bare meat packed upon him. It was a heavy load. Indeed he was packed heavily, from the time he was taken until he arriv'd at the Town and just as he got there, he was met by many Indians from the Town, and run the Gantlet with the load of meat, and was very severely beaten & bruised in the race. Before they got in sight of the Town, he was made to sing as loud as he could hollow. The object of that he afterwards lernt, was to give notice of their approach. After running the Gantlet, he and the other prisoners, were ordered to dance like the Whites. A negro who was prisoner with them, acted as Interpreter. Col. Boon was taken a while to the British, and they give him a little horse and a saddle, and he returned with the Indians, and was taken off with a party mostly of Squaws to make salt. Then he made out to run off [7 Sep 1778], and got back to Boonsborough safely. This applicant, having sta[yed as he before mentioned eight months he in company with two others George

Hendricks and Aaron Ferman [sic: Aaron Forman, pension application S8507], run away and having learnt from some of the Indians before they started, that there was some white men at the Falls of Ohio [at present Louisville], they made their course that way. Before they arrived there, being press'd with hunger, they were getting some Red Haws, when a party of Indians came upon them, and after a chance, retook George Hendrecks, but his other companion and himself arriv'd at the Falls. He remained there upwards of two months, having engaged as a soldier, and performed duty under Campn [Captain?] Wm. Harrod [William Harrod]. He has no discharge, no written evidence of his services whatever. From the time of his enlistment until he got back to Virginia, was one year and nine months He can prove by a living witness, Arabia Brown [W8384] of the County Garrard the fact of his enlistment and his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state Sworn to & subscribed the day and year afd.

Ansel hisXmark Goodman

NOTE: In the court certification, Ansel Goodman is said to have been a minister of the gospel.