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Pension Application of Henry Overstreet S14069

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State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

On this 18th day of February 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Henry Overstreet a resident of said County aged Seventy 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. That he entered the service the 1st day of June 1780 as a substitute for one William Tate of Louesia [sic: Louisa] County Va. under the command of Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] & Col. [Joseph] Spencer as field Officers and Capt. John Byar [sic: John Byers], Lieutenant Thomas Shelton & Ensign James Winston as Company Officers, that he was substituted in Louesia County Va. from thence we marched to Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in the State of North Carolina & there learned the manuel exercise and remained there until General [Horatio] Gates came, then we marched from thence through North & South Carolina & crossed the pe dee [sic: Pee Dee] River in South Carolina & joined the regular army near Camden South Carolina and marched from the encampment and crossed a watter course at Rugleys mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of Camden] and continued the march until our advance guard and the advance guard of the enemy met [about 2:30 AM on 16 Aug 1780] & we had a little battle We beat the british off and then we formed for battle in the night the british showed themselves about sunrise and fired on us by platoons & we fired, then the british charged bayonets and we were forced to retreat by scattering & making the best way back we could to the north side of the pedee river where we had left some invalids (which place we reached three days after the defeat) General Gates was our commander at this defeat, we gathered a good company together after we reached the North side of the pedee river & marched from thence to Guilford Court house in North Carolina and there the tribe of Catawby [sic: Catawba] Indians came & joined us at that place for they were very friendly to the americans and we remained there until the last of October 1780 when we were dismissed or discharged, he has no recollection of ever having a written discharge; this dismissal was after a five month tour. That he served another tour in 1781. The field officers he does not recollect. Captain Bullock was the commander of the company, it was raised in Hanover County Va. that he served this tour as a substitute for one John Smith (as well as he recollects) we marched below Richmond (and continued to remain in and about Richmond) we also marched to the south side of James river & returned again to Richmond where we met with the Gen'l. Marquis De Lafayette and his troops on the Schoco hill near Richmond on a grand parade he had come down to go to yorktown the meet with the enemy, this was a tour of two months & we were discharged. That he served a third tour under the command of Capt. Haydon in the year 1781 in September I went down to the army & joined them in King and Queen County Va. and we marched into Gloucester County and I was called on guard at york river at the mouth of the Peankatank Creek to prevent the negroes from running away to join the enemy whilst they were at york town, from thence we marched down near to Gloucestertown and drove the British further in to prevent them from getting provisions, the Seige commened & held two weeks at yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and Corn wallace [sic: Cornwallis] the British Commander in Chief surrendered to us and we marched down and took possession of Gloucester town & near there I was dismissed or discharged, October in the same year after a tour of about two months. That he resided in Hanover County Va. when he first entered the service. That He was born 2nd Feby 1763 in King william County Va. That since the Revolutionary war he resided a part of the time in Hanover Cty & Louesia County va & the balance of the time in Jessamine County Kentucky where he now resides. That he has the record of his age in a family bible at home which was

taken from his farthers bible – he has no written discharge nor a recollection of ever having recived any, if he ever did they are lost or misplaced

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to the same. That he has recive nothing for his services except some continental money which was of but little value to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pention Roll of the Agency of any State.

Swornto and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

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