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Pension application of Joshua Rowe S14385

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State of Georgia County of Crawford

On this 19th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court in the Superior Court now sitting Joshua Rowe a resident of said County of Crawford and State of Georgia aforesaid aged seventy-one years and nine months who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 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 as a substitute in the name of Richard Wiggins; in the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina for a tour of five months under the command of Captain Simon Lee in the Battalion commanded by Major Clinch (Christian name not remembered) and Regiment commanded by Colonel Pink Eaton -- he entered the service in the latter part of 1778, the troops were held to serve five months after they had passed the South Carolina line, and claimant was discharged on the 10th of April 1779, Claimant does not remember the precise time at which he entered the service, but knows that at the time of his discharge he had served a few days over six months and it was about seven months from the time he entered the service till he returned home -- when Claimant entered the service he was stationed at while, not long, at a little town called Kingston [sic, Kinston] in North Carolina, from there they marched and crossed Cape Fear River at a little town called Elizabeth [Elizabeth Town], They marched on through North Carolina and into South Carolina passing a place called Moncks Corner on by the Ten Mile House near Charleston; This detachment was commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe] who took command, claimant thinks in North Carolina; There was a Brigadier General under Ashe by the name of William Bryan, who was with the Army from the time it left us North Carolina: -- from the Ten Mile house above mentioned the detachment marched to a place called the White house near Savannah River on the South Carolina side and at which place they are was then a commissary's store; from the White house the detachment marched up the Savannah on the same side nearly opposite Augusta, where a part of the forces were occupied a few days in guarding some Tory prisoners in a place called the Bull Pen claimant was one of the guard; the detachment crossed the River at Augusta in February 1779 and marched down to the mouth of Brier Creek where an engagement was begun but before the battle continued long the route of the American troops became general. General Ashe fled and claimant heard afterwards that General Ashe crossed the River before the firing ceased; claimant's Captain Lee was taken prisoner and as Claimant understood was put on board the prison ships off Savannah; claimant with a number of the other troops crossed the River the night after the defeat and met a portion of the Army again at the

White House and marched down the River and returned again above the White House to a place called the Black Swamp where claimant remained till he was discharged in April 1779 as above stated and returned home to Edgecombe County in North Carolina; he got home about the last of April or first of May 1779 -- After claimant returned home from the above mentioned tour he remained at home somewhat more than a year and in the summer of 1780 and in the last of June or first of July in that year he again entered the service, under Major Pastors and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Sowell [probably Benjamin Seawell], and rendezvoused at New Bern on Neuse River in North Carolina (Claimant cannot now call to mind the name of his Captain) -- Claimant entered the service for three months and after the troops were mustered at New Bern they marched to Kingston and from there into the Scotch settlement between Cape Fear [River] and Drowning Creek, and after remaining there for some time the Troops started on to join General Gates in South Carolina but before the Junction was formed the news of Gates defeat was received and the Colonel turned about and marched to Ramsay's Mills [sic, Ramsey's Mills] on Deep River, where claimant was left in the hospital under the care of Doctor Abner Barker and remained there till he was discharged after the expiration of his three months -- Claimant served on several scouting parties for a few days at a time but which he does not feel authorized to claim anything for, and which were exclaimd would amount but to little; he feels certain that exclusive of his scouting trips he has faithfully served ten months: -- He remembers that General Lincoln with his troops were up while in the same encampment between Charleston and Savannah -- he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, That he can produce in court, by whom he can prove his services, -- he appends to this his claim the affidavit of Richard Wiggins, and hopes it may be received for what it may be thought worth Mr. Wiggins lives in Warren County, is now far advanced in life and cannot be brought to Court the distance being about a hundred miles -- Claimant was born in Beaufort County North Carolina, as he always understood, on the 7th day of May 1761 -- he had us at home in his Bible a copy of his age, but which was taken from the statement of his parents -- when first called into the service he lived in Beaufort County, afterwards he lived in Craven County where he lived till about the year 1800 and moved to Warren County Georgia and lived there till 1824 and moved to Newton County in this State lived there one year and then moved to Crawford County Georgia where he now lives -- he has already stated the manner of his being called into the service and what he remembers about the regular Army -- during the last tour he remembers that Colonel Caswell's Regiment was a part of the time with the one in which claimant served -- Claimant has known the Reverend Benjamin Weatherby for since he was a small boy and hopes to support a character for veracity and revolutionary services by him and claimant hopes that any one of his neighbors or in fact any one to whom he is known will readily testify to the same. 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 any State.

S/ Joshua Rowe, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid

S/ C. B. Strong, Junior, Judge

[Benjamin Weatherby, a clergyman, and James M. Murray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Warren County Before me the Jeremiah Wilchar [?] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared Richard Wiggins who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that Jeremiah Roe did has testified served a tour in the Militia service in the war of the

Revolution between the United States and Great Britain and further saith that he hired the said Joshua Roe to take his place and that he served under General Ashe on the American side.

S/ Richard Wiggins

Sworn to and subscribed the 22nd day of December 1832

S/ Jeremiah Wilchar, JP

[fn p. 3: on January 14, 1839 Joshua Rowe applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the state of Alabama to which he has lately removed "having lost his eyesight and having become very feeble a body by reason of great age and affliction he removed to his sons residence in the State of Alabama Coosa County to share of his care and protection." In another document in the file name of his son is given as Daniel Rowe.]