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Pension Application of Jesse Thornhill S14679

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Campbell County }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Campbell County Jesse Thornhill a resident of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia aged about 70 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated That he was drafted in the militia in the early part of the winter 1780-81 and marched from the County of Bucking [sic: Buckingham] the then place of his residence to the town of Portsmouth in Virginia under the command of Captain Charles Patteson [or Charles Patterson] and was attached to a reg't. commanded by Charles Flemming [Charles Fleming] and to a batalion commanded by Maj'r Mabry the other Batalian was commanded by Bins Jones [Maj. Binns Jones] he served his tour of three months full out and some little time over. The militia were under the command of Gen'l. Mhulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] the Baron Stuben [sic: Gen. Baron von Steuben] was also in service at the same time but there were no regular soldiers in service with the militia at the time aforesaid recollected by the deponent, nor does he recollect any thing of a written discharge. The deponent was drafted a second time in August or September 1781 and marched from the same county under Capt John Mosley [John Moseley] to Little York; John Jones was Lieutenant and Thos. Saunders [Thomas Saunders] ensign he was attached to a regt commanded by (as he thinks) one Randolph the names of the maj'rs are not recollected one of them died at Williamsburg on the march. this deponent was there actively engaged in all the service in which the militia were employed until the capture of cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], he was under the imediate command of Gov'r. [Thomas] Nelson as he supposed, but he was several times with detachments under Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne and was marched with a body of militia to support LaFayette when he took the redoubt of the enemy in the night. after the capture of cornwallace the deponent with others guarded the prisoners to Winchester where he staid untill some few days after his time of three months had expired being obliged to stay untill relief came when the deponent rec'd. a regular discharge which he cannot now produce and does not know what has become of it during this tour the deponent served under three different captains the first before named the second Captain Woodson and the third capt Cunningham from whom the deponent rec'd. his discharge. 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 the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Jesse hisXmark Thornhill

Interrogatories propounded by the Court:

1. Where and in what year were you born?

ansr. I was born in Buckingham County and in the year 1763 the 13 day of October

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

ansr. I have no record of my age

3. Where you living when called into service? where have you lived since the revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

ansr. When called into service I was living in Buckingham County (the County where I was born) I have lived since the revolutionary in the Counties of Buckingham & Campbell, and I now live in the County of Campbell where I have lived about twelve years.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you substitute,

and if a substitute for whom?

ansr When called into service I was drafted and never was a volunteer or a substitute

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some fo the regular 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.

ansr The first three months I served I was commanded by Capt Ch's Patterson and Lieut Jno Banks Kembell under the command of Col Fleming and Major Mayberry and General Muhlenburg

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

ansr I did receive a discharge from the service and was given by Capt Chs Patterson (he being authorised to give discharges by General Muhlenburg) but have no recollection at this time what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ansr. I would refer to George Duiguid, James Whitaker, Adler Arrington [pension application S6505], Capt Miles Cary[?] and Various More if necessary

[Certified by Robert Rogers S6006]