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Pension application of George Rowdon S15623

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State of Kentucky Graves County: On this 27th day of February 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid George Rowdon aged ninety years and eleven months a resident of the said County of Graves and State aforesaid 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 (to wit) he states that he was born in the County of Calvert and State of Maryland on the 25th day of March 1743 (he once had a record of his age but it is now lost out of his possession) -- this declarant's father moved with him from Calvert County Maryland where he deponent was a child said 4 or 5 years old & settled in Frederick County Virginia on the Shenandoah River where this declarant lived with his father until about the year 1763 when he with his father migrated to Camden district in the State of South Carolina.

That he first entered the service of the United States in the said district of Camden in State of South Carolina in the month of May in the year 1778 as a private drafted militia man and was placed under the command of Captain John Winn with whom he marched on an expedition against Saint Augustine in East Florida he joined (near Augusta in Georgia) a large corps of troops under the command of General Robert Howe -- with whom he marched as far as the Oconee River where he was ordered to stop & stayed with a sick man by Captain Winn and gave him a written order for that purpose he stayed with this sick man (who was afflicted with a swelling in his groin) until the month of September 1778 when he returned home with him where he arrived in the latter part of September 1778 he states that he was in the service of the United States 4 months and 2 weeks this tour to wit under Captain John Winn & General Robert Howe - - in the year 1778 and that he received no written discharge.

This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States the 2nd time in the said district of Camden & State of South Carolina in the month of April 1779 Savannah in Georgia was at this time occupied by the British which caused the Tory population of South Carolina to be troublesome to quell which mounted companies of militia man were kept in continual motion this declarant joined one of these mounted companies at the time and place above stated as a volunteer private furnishing his own horse he states that he entered for 6 months & that the said company was raised by order of General Richard Winn of the South Carolina militia and that said company was placed under the command of Captain \_\_\_ Threewitts [sic, Threewits] with whom this declarant marched to the plantation of Ankrum [sic, Ancrum] on the Congaree [River] where they kept their head quarters about 3 months ranging over & protecting the country from Ancrum's this declarant with Captain Threewitts marched to

Orangeburg where they remained stationed 3 months after which this declarant was discharged by Captain Threewits he states that he served 6 months this tour under Captain Threewits and that he was the commanding officer on the expedition.

This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States the 3rd time in the said district of Camden & State of South Carolina as a drafted private militia man he was drafted for a 6 months tour of duty and was placed in a company commanded by Captain John James he marched with Captain James in the month of March 1782 a place called the four holes not far from Charleston at which place he joined a considerable corps of drafted militia under the command of Colonel Hopkins he remained in the service under these officers stationed occasionally at the four holes until the month of September 1780 in which months he was discharged by Captain James he states that he served 6 months under the above named officers at the time above stated. He states that he entered the service of the United States the 4th time as a mounted volunteer private militia man furnishing his own horse he entered in the said district of Camden & State of South Carolina in the month of January 1781 under Captain John McCool & marched with Captain McCool & his company in pursuit of the Tory Colonel Will Cunningham ["Bloody Bill" Cunningham] date pursued the Tories to the Congaree & down that River some distance and after scouring the country for some time we returned home when your declarant was disbanded with the rest of the company by Captain McCool in the month of February 1781 he states he served one month under Captain McCool & that he was the commanding officer on the expedition.

He states that he entered the service of the United States the 5th time immediately after his return from the expedition under Captain McCool in the month of February 1781 he was drafted as a private this time by order of General Richard Winn for 4 months in the said district of Camden & State of South Carolina he entered under Captain Lyles & marched to Orangeburg where we joined a Regiment under Colonel Hopkins he states that he remained with Colonel Hopkins at Orangeburg 4 months when he was discharged by Captain Lyles he states that he served 4 months this time under Captain Lyles & Colonel Hopkins he was discharged in the month of June 1781.

This declarant served his 6th tour of duty as a private in the year 1781 he was drafted in the said district of Camden and State of South Carolina for a 3 months tour of duty he entered in the month of July 1781 and was placed in a company commanded by Captain \_\_ Martin he marched with Captain Martin to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] but did not reach General Green in consequence of some misconduct of Captain Martin who these are did his company in the beginning of September 1781 just before the battle of the Eutaw Springs. In consequence of which desertion the whole company returned home he states that he served 2 months this tour under Captain Martin.

Thus your declarant served 4 months and 2 weeks in the year 1778 under Captain John Winn & General Howe; 6 months under Captain Threewits in the year 1779 -- 6 months under Captain John James & Colonel Hopkins in the year 1780 -- one month in the same year under Captain John McCool -- 4 months under Captain Lyles and Colonel Hopkins in the year 1781 and 2 months in the same year under Captain Martin making in the whole one year and 11 months and 2 weeks besides a variety of small scouting tours which she has not enumerated. He states that he has long since lost all his discharges and that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services he states that Asa Dodson, Talbot E. Slaydon, John Clapp, Adam Clapp and Henderson Gregory etc. all his neighbors who will bear ample testimony to his character for veracity and as to his reputation

of having been a soldier of the revolution. 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 or Territory whatever. This declarant states that he moved from Camden district South Carolina to Warren County Tennessee in the year 1817 & from thence he moved to Madison County Alabama in the year 1821 & from thence he moved to Graves County Kentucky in the year 1830 where he has resided ever since & where he at present resides.

S/ George Rowdon

Subscribed & sworn to before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County & state aforesaid

S/ Matthias Travis, JP

[William Holifield, a clergyman, and Ervin Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]