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Pension Application of John Cobbs S15786

VA

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Declaration of John Cobbs. Va. Campbell County. Ss.

On this 31st day of Dec. 1833 personally appeared before me Paulett Clark, a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Campbell, and, one of the Justices of the County Court thereof, John Cobbs, resident of the county aforesaid, aged 74 years; who, being first duly sworn, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832, who saith on oath; that he entered the service of the United States as a private in the militia of Bedford, now Campbell County Va; in the year 1779 or 80. he volunteered under Colo. Charles Lynch, and marched to the western part of va. after the Tories; Capt. Wm. Jones [William Jones] was his captain; he served this tour of three weeks together with about 60 men, and returned home with his officers. During the same year, he served a tour of three months, also as a private, a volunteer in the militia of the same county. Robert Adams was Captain; marched to Petersburg; was under Colo. Charles Lynch; Genl. [Robert] Lawson; and Genl. LaFayette, and Baron Steuben; he served this tour out & was discharged. His next tour was at the south in Carolina. He volunteered this time also as a militia man, under Capt. James Dixon, and served three months as an orderly or first Seargent; was at the Battle of Guilford N. C. [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] was under Colo. [Otho Holland] Williams, attached to a regiment of infantry. His last tour was one week only, to guard the Arsenal at New London; as a private ordered out as one of the guard by the lieut. Colo. [County Lieutenant] of the County. But the most that the guard did was to guard old John Hook, a Tory. He thus served as a private four months, and, as a Sergeant three months; in all seven months. He has no documentary, nor other testimony; 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 whatever. [signed] John Cobbs

1st. Where, and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Buckingham Co. va. in 1759 Octo. 8th.

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

Ans. I have none.

3^d. Where were you living when called in to the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. I then, when called in the service lived in Bedford now Campbell County; where I now live, & have resided ever since that war.

4th. How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if so, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered every time; was never drafted, nor did I serve for another; but for my self & country.

5th. State the names of some of 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.

Ans. Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded in Chief at the Battle of Guilford; Colo Williams, Colo. Chs. Washington [sic: William Washington], Clo. Lee [Lt. Col. Henry Lee], were regular officers. At Petersburg, there was the Baron Steuben; marquis Lay Fayette; and these over Genl of militia Lawson, and others – in my other tours there was no officer higher than Colonel. The circumstances of my service are mostly all stated.

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

Ans. I rec'd. a discharge from Capt Adams; and after the Battle of Guilford I rec'd a discharge, but don't

recollect who gave it. But both papers are lost.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. The revd. Samuel Armistead, Decl. Robert Smith; Charles Walker, John Hurt, John Alexander, James S Jones, and others.