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Pension Application of William Davis S15796

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State of Virginia }

Alleghany County To Wit }

On this first day of February 1834 personally appeared before John Persinger a justice of the peace for said County and as such one of the Justices of the County Court of said County, being a court of Record, William Davis a resident in the said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn, 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 1832. That He entered the service of th the United States in the year 1779 under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. On the first day of October 1779 he entered the service in Captain [Richard] Pamplin's Company of Virginia Militia in Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] County & state of Virginia as a substitute for John Tinsley a private in said Company, and served a Tour of two months at the Barracks in said County of Albemarle, where he was discharged on the first day of December 1779. On the first day of December 1779 he again entered the service in the said County of Albermarle as a substitute for a soldier whose name he does not now recollect, a private in a company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain [Richard] Ballinger and served one month in the said County of Albermarle in the neighbourhood of Charlottesville & was discharged on the first day of January 1780. On the 4th day of January 1780 he again entered the service in the said County of Albermarle as a substitute for John McDaniel a private in a company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain William Tucker and served a Tour of three months and a half. during the period of the service last above mentioned, he was marched from the said county of Albermarle, to Williamsburg, York Town, Gloucester County and what is called the "half way House" [Halfway House between Hampton and Yorktown] in the said State of Virginia, and was detained a short time at each place, and was detailed as a guard to take charge of some British prisoners, taken at Nupas Noos [sic: Newport News?] in the said County of Gloucester, after remaining upwards of three months upon the tide water country of Virginia he was marched to the City of Richmond in the said State & was there discharged on the 18th day of April 1780. On the first day of June 1780 he was drafted in the County of Amhurst [sic: Amherst] in the said state of Virginia for a three months Tour in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Barnet [probably James Barnett] and was marched to Williamsburg in the said State of Virginia where after having served the Tour of three months he was discharged on the second day of September 1780. He was again drafted in the said County of Amherst and served a Tour [page torn] months in the said County in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Dillard [probably James Dillard]. This company was stationed at Amherst Court House where they remained until discharged on the 21st day of December 1780. He was drafted for this last Tour & entered the service on the 21 day of September 1780. In consequence of advanced age and a constitution broken down by age and affliction many of the incidental circumstances attending his Revolutionary service have either escaped his memory entirely or too indistinctly remembered to be embodied in this declaration with necessary accuracy. He is satisfied that the above statement of the periods of his services is substantially correct & that he served as a private in the army of the Revolution twelve months and a half as stated above, for which he asks a pension. He does not recollect the particular Regiments of the Regular service with whom he was acquainted or whom he knew he can now recollect were Cols. [Francis] Taylor, [Theodorick] Bland & Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews]. the two first named were at the Albermarle Barracks whilst he served there & the last named he knew & served under during the second Tour on the Virginia Seaboard. He was in no engagement with the enemy during his service. He received no written discharge from the service. He was born in the County of [blank] in the state of Maryland in

the year 1756. The Register of his age has been lost or destroyed. He was living in the County of Amhurst in the State of Virginia when he entered the service & lived there since he quit the service until the year 1822 when he moved to the County of Alleghany in the State of Virginia where he has resided until the present time. He is unable to produce any documentary evidence of his services as a soldier of the Revolution nor does he know of any living witness by whom he could prove the same. He refers to Dioclesian Reynolds and William H Davis two of his neighbours who have long known him, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution & whose certificate is hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes and renounces every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state

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