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Pension Application of Thomas Mills S16200

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State of Virginia Ohio County SS.

on this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the county court of Ohio County in the State of Virginia Thomas Mills a resident of Tyler County state of Virginia aged sixty eight years in the month of August last, 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 7th 1832 — That he entered the Army of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1781 with Captain Silas Zane — that the said Captain Silas Zane's company was not attached to did not belong to any particular Regiment that deponent knows of — that he cannot now recollect the names of any of the officers of said company except the said captain Silas Zane's — that he continued in the service from May 1781 until October of the same year when the company was disbanded — That in May 1782 he again volunteered under the same Captain Silas Zane and was engaged in the service until the last of July in same year, when deponent was wounded so badly that he could no longer do duty — That after his recovery in 1791 he again volunteered under Joseph Biggs who was the commander at Kirkwoods Block house. That again in 1793 he enlisted as a Ranger in Captain McMahan's company for eight months and marched with him on a tour to Owl Creek — that he resided in the now County of Ohio in the State of Virginia at the times of his said services — That he never was engaged in any regular battles — the duty of the company to which he belonged being to range Westward from the Ohio in scouts & pursuit of the Indians — In July 1782 whilst in the service about four miles above where the Town of Wheeling now stands, he was desperately wounded — having had eight bullets shot into him at one time of which wound he languished for a long time in a hopeless condition, and for a year afterwards was unable to walk without the aid of crutches — Unmarked as the Indian warfare of those days was, by any signal events, this deponent cannot state any facts by which his declaration may be sustained —

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. This declaration is made in Ohio County because deponent could not prove his service elsewhere [signed] Thomas Mis [sic]

Interrogatories propounded in open court to Thomas Mills —

Int 1 — Where and in what year were you born?

Ans — Near the head of Elk [now Elkton] in Maryland in the year 1765 —

Int 2 — I have no record of my age. My fathers bible in which his family records was kept was burnt with his cabin in 1777 by the Indians

Int 3 — I lived on the banks of the Ohio where the town of Wheeling now stands. I have resided in Ohio County Va. till about twenty years ago when I moved to Ohio and lived there about twenty years and now reside in Tyler county

Int 4 — I volunteered

Int 5 — I know the names of no regular officers except that of Captain Siles Zain and the general services performed by the company to which I belonged was to keep an eye on the movements of the Indians and prevent incursions upon the whites

Int 6 — I never received any discharge

Int 7 — There is no person in my present neighborhood in Tyler county who can state anything about my services — my character for veracity and the belief and knowledge of my services can be testified by all the old settlers my contemporaries. I would name Noah Zane Esq'r, Abraham McColloch, George Dulty Esq'r,, May Scott —

State of Virginia }

Ohio County SS: }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Ohio aforesaid Thomas Mills who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For six months I served as a private at one period and for three months as a private at another period: and for such service I claim a pension [signed 4 Aug 1833] Thomas Mills

NOTE: On 4 Sep 1833 Mills deposed that he had not lived in Tyler County for more than about 12 months. On 14 Nov 1834 he applied to receive his pension at Pittsburgh PA, having moved to Monroe County OH because "he has no family of his own and lives among his Children alternately who reside in Ohio and it suits him better to receive his pay at Pittsburgh Penn."