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Pension application of William Purcell S16229

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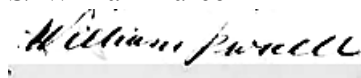
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State of Indiana County of Knox: SS

On this 8th day of September, 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Amory Kinny, President Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, now sitting, William Purcell, an old inhabitant of said County, aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration: That he was born in Hampshire County, State of Virginia, on the 31st day of July 1760 [could be 1761]¹ according to a family calendar: That in the month of April 1781, he volunteered to serve a tour of duty under Captain Michael Stump, and soon after marched from Moorfield to Richmond to meet and repel the British: That the company to which he was attached, under Captain Stump, with the American Army then in the neighborhood of Richmond, under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], retreated to the Blue Ridge, where General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], and General Steuben, joined the Army; soon after which the Army again advanced and pursued the British to Williamsburg, where they went on board their ships; and after this event, he, with said company, under Captain Stump, having served longer than the three months draft, was discharged: That he believes he received a written discharge from Captain Stop, which is now lost; but he well remembers to have arrived at home from said tour on the 27th day of August 1781: That in November of same year, he was drafted as a Militia man, said County of Hampshire, and marched from near Romney, under Captain Isaac Parsons, to Winchester barracks, to guard British prisoners; and remained in said barracks, performing said duty, for about 3 months: that according to his recollection, Colonel Willis commanded at Winchester, and with the aforesaid company he was at the expiration of 3 months service, allowed to return home: That he never demanded a cent of pay; but always received his rations of food, when in service: That in the year 1797, he removed from Hampshire County aforesaid, and traveled to then sends, Indiana, and has resided in the neighborhood of said town, to the present time: That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, but Edward Purcell, whose testimony he can procure, with a personal knowledge of the service related. 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.

S/ William Purcell



On the day and year aforesaid, personally appeared in open court, Edward Purcell,² who on his oath declare that William Purcell, the above applicant for a pension is known to him from his youth; that said William is known in the family to have been born at the time he has stated; and he knows that said William performed two tours of militia duty before peace was proclaimed in the struggle for independence: that he, this deponent was in service in a different company from Hampshire County, at the same time, and he firmly believes that said William rendered the services he has related.

S/ Edwd Purcell, X his mark

[Samuel Thompson & Francis Hollingsworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

² [Edward Purcell S16230](#)