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Pension Application of William Baldwin S16313

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State of Indiana } S.S.

County of Daviess }

On this 21st day of March, 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Amory Kinney President Judge, and Ephraim Thompson and Michael Murphy associate Judges of the Daviess Circuit Court, now sitting, William Baldwin, a resident of Reeve Township, in the County and State aforesaid, aged eightytwo years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the Untied States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: On the last day of April 1776, in Prince Edward County, Virginia, he joined a volunteer company for a term of nine months, under Captain Charles Allen, Lieutenant Joseph Parks, and Ensign James Allen. Ensign Allen was a remarkably tall man, and therefore commonly went by the name of "long Jemmy." About the same day the company marched to Manchester, and immediately marched thence directly to Richmond, thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], and thence to Hampton, where they joined Capt. Andersons Company of volunteers and one or two others. At Hampton he remained till towards the last of July with said Company. He recollects being there when the news of the declaration of Independence arrived. There was much excitement and great rejoicing in the camp. He distinctly remembers that they had a barrel of very bad Westindie rum. About dark they knocked the head out of the barrel and set the rum on fire. It blazed terribly and for a time enlightened the whole camp. One Cudbud Tisdale [pension application S16554] was the ringlader in this affair. Sometime after this, perhaps the last of July, Gen'l. Washington ordered the fourth regiment of regular soldiers, who were then stationed at Portsmouth (Va.) to the north. This regiment was commanded by Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson. The said William Baldwin, and the companies with which he was serving, were immediately marched to Portsmouth to take the place of the aforesaid regiment of regulars. At Portsmouth Capt. Allen's Company was connected with five other volunteer companies including those that marched from Hampton. (viz) Capt. Andersons Company, Capt. Ballards Company, Capt. Shewins[?] Company, Captain Winstons Company, and Capt. Walker's Company – And the whole under the command of Colonel William Meredith, and Major James. He remained in Capt. Allens Company, connected with the Companies aforesaid, and under the command of the s'd. Meredith & James, at Portsmouth till about the 25th December following. Gen'l. [Charles] Lee was sometimes at Porsmouth while he remained there, but he cannot tell whether he had any immediate command over the said volunteer companies, or how long he remained among them. The s'd. William Baldwin served during all this time as a private volunteer soldier. He remained at Portsmouth, under his Capt. and Col. aforesaid until about Christmas 1776. He was then discharged by Col. Meredith. The precise day on which he was discharged he cannot certainly recollect, but assuredly believes it was between the 20th and & 25th of December 1776. During the service aforesaid, he confidently believes he served six months and twenty days at least, (viz) from the last of Apl. 1776 till the 20th December of the same year.

He served in the revolutionary war, in the United States service, during two other campaigns, as a militia private, for a term of three months each tour; but the tours being short, the circumstances of them are so indistinct in his memory, that he cannot pretend to relate them with sufficient certainty to prefer any claim for his services therein. He knows however that he did serve two such tours, the first under Capt. Henry Walker, Lieut. Richard Holland, and Ensign Woodson, and which was a tour of duty into North Carolina, but the year he cannot recollect. The second under Capt. Cunningham, was tour to Salisbury [NC], where this declarant narrowly escaped diing of the small pox, was in consequence sent

out of camp to one Samuel Alexander's, a clergyman of the neighborhood, and a relative to this declarant. At this place he found Maj. McJunkin who had been wounded in the arm [Joseph McJunkin at Fair Forest SC, 2 Mar 1781], and who gave him a furlough or kind of paper to go home, this declarant having become so much enervated by the sickness aforesaid as to be utterly unfit for service. On his return home he buried his pocket book containing the s'd paper and \$26.00 in continental money, together with his clothes in a tobacco house, that the infection might not be taken by his family. He does not remember in what year this tour was performed.

In the volunteer service aforesaid he received a discharge in writing from Col. Wm. Meredith, and kept the same till some time after the war, when he lost it in a journey from Virginia to South Carolina – He has no documentary evidence to prove any of his services aforesaid, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service as a militia man aforesaid, and but one (viz) Cudbud Tisdale whose affidavit will be hereto annexed) who can testify to his services as a volunteer aforesaid – that John Hawkins, William Wallace, John McDonald, William Horrell, and James Veal who reside in his present neighborhood, can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – He further declares that he was born in Prince Edward County (Virginia) on the 27th December 1750, that he continued to reside there, except when abroad on the tours aforesaid, till 1786 – that he then removed to Union County South Carolina, where he resided till 1817, when he removed to Daviess County Indiana, where he has ever since resided. – that his name and age were recorded in his fathers family bible, which he has not seen since 1786, and from which he transcribed his age on a piece of paper which he has – He knew Col. Lee, Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], Col. [William] Washington, Col. Morgan [Gen. Daniel Morgan?], and Gen'l. [Francis] Marion in the revolutionary war.

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.

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