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Pension Application of John Darnaby S16360 VA  
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State of Kentucky

Fayette County Sct

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Hon Thomas McCukey, sole Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court, John Darnaby, a resident of Fayette County and State of Kentucky aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776 in the Spring of that year, with Capt Ambrose Dudley, and served in the second Regiment of the State or Virginia line, under the following named officers: Capt Ambrose Dudley, Lieut Nat Welsh [Nathaniel Welsh], Ensign Bush – and he thinks Muhlenburgh was the Col [sic: Gen. Peter Muhlenberg], but does not certainly recollect. He left the service in the Spring of 1777, after serving twelve or fourteen months. When he entered the service he lived in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County Virginia, he marched to Williamsburgh[sic: Williamsburg], through the Counties of Caroline, Hanover, King William and King and Queen. He was stationed at Williamsburgh about ten months, when he was taken ill of a fever and placed in the Hospital, where he continued until his neighbour Jas True [James True, pension application S31438], came to Williamsburgh to see his brother, who was a soldier and sick. Deponant was insensible, and was carried home, by the authority of his officers, as True afterwards informed him. He was in such a situation as to know nothing of the journey home. He remained sick until his furlough expired, and James Smith his friend went to Fielding Lewis the Col of Spottsylvania County and got it extended. He entered the service without any bounty and was to continue two years, if Dudley continued to command the Company, but before his recovery Dudley had resigned.

As soon as he got well in the Fall of the year 1777 he thinks, Genl Burgoynes troops were taken to Albermarle and kept as Prisoners in Barracks [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 but not taken to Albemarle Barracks until Jan 1779]. He entered the service as a waggoner under Wm Crittenden [William Crittenden, S9268] a Waggon Master – drove a waggon from Spottsylvania to Albermarle, loaded with whiskey for the Army. Continued at Albermarle barracks about two years, waggoning flour, whiskey, brandy, forage, corn, oats &c from the country around. he was commanded by Thomas Stanley, Quartermaster Genl, and Wm Crittenden, Waggon Master. Then went to Fredericksburgh to get a waggon repaired, and Richard Young, a Quarter Master Genl, directed him and three other waggons, to take some public papers and carry them beyond the reach of Cornwallis, who was approaching Albermarle [early June 1781]. They carried the papers to Hagerstown Md, kept them in the waggons ten days to await the movement of the British, then took them into the Country and put them into a house by the direction of Col Parker, who had charge of the public papers. he returned to Fredericksburgh and continued under Youngs command, until he conveyed baggage to the Troops at Winchester, who were taken at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. he left the service in October or November 1781. He was engaged in no battles. He, during his first term of service, served with Capt Smiths, & Capt Thos Minor's [Thomas Minor's, W5374] Companies. He knew whilst in the service Capts Tolls [probably Oliver Towles] & [George] Stubblefield, Major Willis, Lieut Ro Dudley [Robert Dudley, Genl Weaden [sic: George Weedon] – he has no documentary evidence of his service.

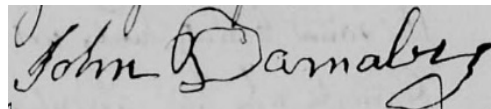
He was born in Spottsylvania County Va. on the 27th June 1760. His mother many years ago, whilst in Va. told him his age, he then set it down on a piece of paper, and has entered it in a book in which he records births and deaths in his family. He lived in Spottsylvania County Va. when he entered the service. He lived in Spottsylvania County about a year after he left the service when he removed to

Kentucky, and lived in Lincoln Count about a year and then removed to Fayette, where he has lived ever since. He entered the service voluntarily as a regular soldier. He never received a discharge from the service.

He refers to the following persons, who are his neighbors and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – viz. Rev. Thos Dudley, Genl James Dudley, Wm E Dudley, Dr Benj W Dudley, sons of his Capt Ambrose Dudley, Jesse Bryant, Capt J C Richardson, Capt Wm. Ellis, Genl Wm C Prewitt, Isaac Webb, Rheuben Taylor, Hubbard Taylor – he refers to Hon Wm T Barry and Jos Ficklin.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Darnaby". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

Jesse Bryant states that he lived in Spottsylvania County during the Revolutionary war, he recollects that John Darnaby, who has subscribed the foregoing declaration, entered the Company of Capt Ambrose Dudley, as did likewise a brother of this Affiant. The Company was stationed in Capt Dudleys barn about two weeks before they marched, into service and said Darnaby marched with them. Dudleys barn was within a mile of Affiants fathers. Bartlett Collins was Sergeant of the Company Affiant was at that time about ten years of age. Affiants brother was taken sick and brought home by Jas True at the same time he brought Darnaby home.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Jesse Bryant

Edward Darnaby Sr states that he recollects the circumstance of his brother John Darnaby, having enlisted in the Regular Army under Capt Ambrose Dudley. he was not present at the enlistment, but was twenty miles distant. he heard at the time of his enlistment of his having done so. He recollects of his brother John being brought from the Army sick, and he continued very ill at their stepfathers for several months. Affiant was about ten years old at the time of the enlistment. During several years, afterwards affiant understood that his brother was engaged in the waggon service.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] E Darnaby

James Smith states that he is the stepfather of the above John Darnaby he knows that he entered the service in Capt Ambrose Dudleys Company. Said John was brought to Affiants very ill from the Army, when he continued ill for some months, and affiant went to Fielding Lewis and got his furlough extended.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid James hisXmark Smith