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Pension Application of Amos Ashcraft S16610

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State of Missouri } Ss

County of Cooper }

On this ninth day of February AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Cooper County Court now sitting, Amos Ashcraft Sr a resident of the County of Howard and State aforesaid aged about seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – towit, he first joined the service as a volunteer in the State of Pennsylvania under Capt'n Thos Gattis [sic: Thomas Gaddis] in the year 1775 and marched to the bank of the Ohio River about ten miles above Wheeling at the mouth of short creek to guard the frontiers against the Indians after three months moved higher up the river and built a fort at a place called the beach bottom [sic: Beech Bottom Fort, also known as Fort Gaddis] there he remained untill his six months tour had expired then in the summer following he joined as volunteer as aforesaid the Company commanded by capt'n Wm Hamon [William Hamon] and was stationed 3 months at scotts mills in virginia the he was removed to guard a public store of provision at Col John Evans plantation in Va where he remained 3 months thus ending that 6 months tour In the next season he joined a ranging Company under the command of s'd capt Wm Haman and Major James Chew in which Company he remained 3 months ranging on the frontiers he then was placed under the command of Capt'n Jesse Pigman and marched to Pittsburgh and remained there and doing duty on the frontiers watching and guarding against the depredations of the Indians from thence removed to wheeling doing duty as aforesaid – there expired his tour of duty – in the year 1776 he joined the army destined to go against the Shawnee & Delaware Indians in the Company commanded by James Dougherty – under Col. John Evans and Gen [Lachlan] McIntosh then marched to the ohio River to Monshores bottom [probably Montour Bottom at or near present Coraopolis PA] where the militia consentrated then crossed the River and marched to the Bluff and built Fort McIntosh [near present Beaver PA, Sep 1778] there the regular forces joined the Militia & then marched to Tuscarawas a fork of the Muskingum River where they built another Fort called Fort Lawrance [sic: Fort Laurens, near present Bolivar OH, Nov and Dec 1778] where the Militia were then dismissed and returned home, this declarant says he never had any regular written discharge but at all times at the end of his tours of duty was regularly discharged by his officers by general order and was allways when in service a volunteer Militia man

[signed] Amos Ashcraft

[Certified by Otho Aschraft and Justinian Williams, a clergyman.]

State of Missouri } SS Cooper County Court June the 1933

County of Cooper }

On this day personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Cooper County Court now sitting, Amos Ashcraft, who by way of an amendment to his declaration for a pension hereto attached, and being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and 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 thirty months in the capacity of a private malitiaman, in the manner stated in his said declaration, and for such service he claims a pension.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

And he further states that he makes his declaration before the Court of Cooper County, instead of Howard where he resides, because his residence is something near twenty miles from the County seat of

Howard County, which distance this declarant cannot travel without great bodily pain – laboring at this time under pains of limbs produced by old age and infirmity of body, that he lives immediately on the North Bank of the Missouri River, and that the County seat of Cooper County is immediately on the South Bank of said River five or six miles below his residence to which place he can be easily carried by a water craft without undergoing the bodily pain incident to his travelling by land

Interrogatories propounded by the Court, to said Amos Ashcraft. 1st. where & in what year were you born? Answer. I was born in the year 1757 in the State of Virginia.

2 Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it? An. I have none, I had one but have lost it from which I still recollect my age.

3. where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

An. when called into service first I lived in Pennsylvania Since the revolution I have lived in virginia, Kentucky and Missouri and now live in Howard County Missouri

4. How were you called into service.

An. I always volunteered.

5. — An. I have stated in my declaration as near as I can the answer to this question

6. Did you ever receive a written discharge. An. No

7. State the names of the persons in your present neighborhood, who knows you and can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

An. William Manor Otho Ashcraft and James Cole & Mark Cole & others

[signed] Amos Ashcraft