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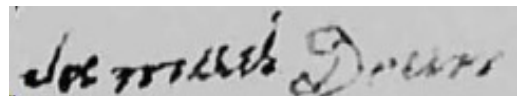
Pension Application of Samuel Druin S16772

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State of Virginia }
County of Henrico } ss.

On this 24th day of March 1833 Personally appeared before me Wm H Johnson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Henrico Samuel Druin a resident of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia aged 71 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 7th 1832. that he was drafted in the militia of Virginia as a private in the Company of Capt Miles Selden on the 1st Sep'r 1780 & served in the 19th Reg't. V. M under the following named officers Capt Miles Selden, Lt. William Giles & Ensign Kern a tour of three months; that with his Company he marched from Richmond to Williamsburg & from thence to Yorktown & remained there on duty until discharged on the termination of his tour – that in the winter of 1780 he was a second time drafted as a private in the Company of Capt Bowles [possibly David Bowles] 19th Regt V. M was with his Company at Richmond when General [Benedict] Arnold having invaded the State arrived with the British army at that place which happened early in January 1781 – that he was in readiness for action, but General Baron Steuben [Baron von Steuben] who commanded the American forces not deeming it prudent no battle took place, on the retreat of the enemy from Richmond, he with his Company marched with the American troops to Malvern Hills in the lower end of Henrico on the road to Westover, there the American army lay in the neighbourhood of the British & he then offered them battle which the enemy declined but continued the retreat to her shipping. from Malvern Hills he with his Company marched to Charles City Court House to reinforce a party of Militia who had had the day before a skirmish with a detachment of the British. before the arrival of the reinforcement the enemy retreated to his Head Quarters, the march was in consequence continued to Williamsburg & from thence to York town, under the expectation that General Arnold having gone down James River would land there, he however did not, that he remained at York under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson untill the termination of the tour of three months when he was discharged, that he was drafted a third time, but discharged by a court of Enquiry in consequence of having recently served two tours in succession this was before the Siege of York, which discharge was the cause of his not being at the siege – after the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – in the Autumn (he thinks late in November,) he was drafted a fourth time for a tour of three months & served the tour in Richmond on guard duty this closed his service having served in all nine months – that he possessed all his written discharges, which were deposited except the last in the house of his father James Druin in the County of Henrico the house being on the main stage road was plundered by the Army under Lord Cornwallis in his retreat from Goochland County & the papers were then supposed to be lost, as they have never been since seen – the last discharge he has no recollection how it was lost – that he was born in the year 1764 the record of his age was in the Parish Church books of St. James of Northam in the County of Goochland – he is ignorant what has become of the books or of the record – he was born in the County of Goochland but removed when an infant to the County of Henrico & has resided there both before & since the Revolution, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or state.



NOTE: The file contains letters from Thomas M. Randolph of Tuckahoe referring to his letters to Senator (later President) John Tyler on Druin's behalf.