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Pension Application of James Senewel S17080

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State of Missouri }

County of Clay } Ss

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in Open Court before J. T. V. Thompson and Shubael Allen judges of the County Court now sitting James Senewel a resident of clay county in the State of Missouri aged seventy four years on the seventeenth day of next November 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated, That he was drafted into the service for the Revolutionary War some time in the Summer of 1779 as well as he remembers but the day or the month of that year he cannot remember, that he was put under command of Captain John Mills he does not remember being attached at this time to any regiment they were in the pursuit of tories fifteen of whom they took on New River and delivered them up to Col. [William] Preston of Montgomery County Virginia. That he resided in Bottetort [sic: Botetourt] County in the state of virginia when he entered the service, that he seved about four months at this time that he does not recollect the names of any regular officers at this time, that they were disbanded verbally and that he has no written evidence by which he can prove his service nor is there any living witness that he can command by whom he can prove it.

And he states further that in the next summer sometime the day or the month he cannot recollect, the summer of 1780 [sic: 1781] he was again drafted into the service of the revolution and put under the command of Captain Joseph Prior [Joseph Pryor] that he was then marched under Captain prior to old Richmond and from there to Westham crossing James's River into Amelia County and from there on to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] where they found the bridge torn away by the British troops under the command of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] and from there back again to Westham recrossing James River and back through Richmond down to Bottoms bridge on the main road that leads to old Jamestown, where they had a little skirmish with the brittish at hot water [Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 26 Jun 1781], from there they marched on towards James Town where they had a battle with Cornwallace's Army [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. from there they marched back to Bottoms Bridge where he rec'd. his discharge in writing from Major John Wilson, that when they joined the army under Gov. Jefferson's Col. Hubbard was their Colonel and Gen'l. [William] Campbell commanded that he rembers seeing there in command Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne, Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan, & Gen'l. Lafayette, that he resided at the time of entering the service in Bottetort County in the State of Virginia that he has lost his written discharge long since and that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service nor are there any living witnesses by whom he can prove other than such part as is established by the evidence of Sabut Sollers [sic: Sabert Sollars, pension application S17113], that he served in the last campaign something more than four months.

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.

[signed] James Senewel

Sabert Sollars being duly sworn says that he lived in Bottetort County in the state of Virginia during the revolutionary war and that he knew then at that time James Senewel and from information then at that time he believes that said Senewel was drafted and went into the service under Captain Prior but he did not see him go nor see him return but it was so said then and he never at any time doubted the

truth of it, that he has talked with Mr. Senewel about his campaign both in Virginia and in this country and no body ever doubted either here or there the fact of his haveing served in that war, and that this deponent does believe that Mr. Senewel is as old as he has stated in the above declaration.

[signed] Sabert Sollars