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Pension Application of William Harris S18435

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The State of Ohio Licking County. Ss.

On this 30th day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas now sitting within and for the County of Licking aforesaid William Harris a resident of Bowling Green Township in said County, was Born on the 2nd day of October 1755 Frederick County MaryLand (but no record of age) who being first duly sworn sworn in open Court 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 entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one month under Captain Wall to go against the Indians on the flats of grave Creek in Ohio County, Virginia [near present Moundsville in Marshall County WV] and assisted to build the fort at that place. at the expiration of said month he hired for another month under Captain Joseph Tomlinson, and then volunteered one month more on his own account making three months in all does not recollect the year, but states that he was either 20 or 21 years of age that fall. after the expiration of said three months he returned home — On the Spring following he was drafted for one month to go against the Indians on the beech Bottom flats at the expiration of which time he volunteered for two months longer served under Captain Joseph Odle. He next entered the service in Genl. [Lachlan] McIntosh's campaign as a substitute and was out about three or four months the draft was for three months but that he stayed considerably over the time served first under Captain Sweringen [sic: Josiah Swearingen] afterwards under Captain John Minter of the Infantry Company. Colo. [William] Crawford was our commander – Col Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] was also out in the Campaign. 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 any agency in any State.

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Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said county on the 11th day of June A.D. 1833 the within named William Harris who being by me duly sworn doth depose and sayeth by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, nor as to their commencement and termination but according to the best of his recollection he served not not less than the period mentioned below viz:

One month in the fall of 1776 [here and elsewhere "6" is written over "7" or vice versa] as a substitute in a company of Virginia militia, under the command of Captain Wall on the flats of grave creek Virginia against the Indians – which month as was as he can recollect expired the 25th October 1776, immediately after which he engaged as a volunter at the grave creek flats virginia, and served as with in mentioned two months under Captain Tomlinson of the Virginia Militia, at the station or Fort at the flats of grave creek; He was discharged by Captain Tomlinson at the expiration of said two months. Had a written discharge which is lost or destroyed. His time was out, and he returned home – lived at the time in Ohio County Va. near the mouth of Big Buffaloe Creek [sic: Buffalo Creek]. The service as above is Three months and as near as he can recollect was from the 20 of September 1776 to the 25 of December of that year.

In the Spring of 1777 in the month of March he was drafted in Ohio County Virginia for one month under Captain Odle or Ogle, and served said month at the Fort on the Beach Bottom in Ohio county virginia; said month expired the last of April 1777. He then Volunteered for two months as soon as the other month was out, and remained at the Fort under said Captain Ogle until his time expired some time the last of June 1777 – received no written discharge – and does not recollect [page torn] the

regular officers. thinks there was none there.

He served three months in Gen. McIntosh's Campaign; Having engaged as a substitute for one Thomas Gerby in captain Swearingen company of the Virginia Militia for three months – thinks this was in the fall of 1777 [sic] – must have been in the summer or fall of that year but cannot recollect precisely – rendezvoused at Pittsburg and went down the River and assisted to build Fort McIntosh below the mouth of Big Beaver about 30 miles below Pittsburg [at present Beaver PA, Sep 1778] after remaining some time at Fort McIntosh. He went with Gen. McIntosh on to the Tuscarawa where they built Fort Lawrence, or Laurens, on the bank of the Tuscarawas river [near present Bolivar OH, begun 10 Nov 1778]. Here he remained until his said term of three months was out, but did not return or leave the troops at that time, and remained until the return of the expedition, which was not less than a month after the time was out for which he engaged – the returned back to fort McIntosh and when they got back there he was discharged having served not less than four months in this Tour – Making his services for which he claims a pension under Captain Wall one month – under Captain Tomlinson Two months – under Captain Ogle three months and four months under Captain Swearingen and Mintor – making in all ten months.

There is no clergyman in his neighborhood; he mentions Rob. Orr and Henry Bickell, Baltes Emery whose certificate he produces to comply with the seven interrogatory – recollects in the McIntosh Campaign the following regular Officers towit Col Brodshead, Col [John] Gibson, Col. Campbell, Captain Biggs, &c. It is not in his power to produce proof of his services at this time by living witnesses – and has no documentary evidence.

William hisXmark Harris