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Pension Application of Jonathan Grooms S19305

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State of Virginia }
Bedford County } SS

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Bedford and State of Virginia now sitting Jonathan Grooms a resident of Russel [sic: Russell] parish in said County of Bedford and State of Virginia aged Seventy seven 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 act of congress passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States in the month of February (cannot recollect the day) in the year of 1777 as a volunteer from the County of Bedford and State of Virginia under Cap'n. Terrill [probably Peter Terrell] and Lieutenant Watkins of the 5th Regiment He marched from said County by Carters Ferry [now Cartersville] on James River thro' Fredericksburg to Dumfries where the troops were inoculated for the small pox and remained several weeks. From Dumfries he marched thro' Georgetown, Baltimore, Wilmington to Philadelphia. During this march he had charge of a Baggage waggon The Troops joined the army under General Washington at Philadelphia. His field officers he cannot recollect. Does not recollect any continental regiment companies with which he served. Gen'l. Washington is the only regular officer whom he now recollects. He recollects one Moses or Robert Watkins as an officer. He was engaged in this tour at least four months at the expiration of which time, he was sent back to Bedford County Virginia in charge of a waggon and horses – was discharged but cannot tell by whom, sometime in June 1777. Has lost his discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his services. He refers to the affidavits of James Stiff [pension application W4344] herewith exhibited to establish his services during this tour. Again in the fall of the year 1780 he was drafted into the service of the united States from the Militia in the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia and served a tour of at least three months. He marched from said County under Captain [Henry] Paulding and Lieutenant Joseph Richardson to fort Chiswell in what is now called Wythe County Virginia for the purpose of protecting the Lead Mines against the tories – when he arrived at the lead mines he was put under the command of Major Reid and Cap'n. Patton and remained there constantly discharging military duty for the space of Three months, when he was discharged by Cap'n. Patton and returned home, he has lost his discharge. His field & company officers were Major Reid, Capt'n. Paulding, & Patton and Lieut. Richardson. He served with no continental Regiments or companys that he recollects during this tour. The Regular Officers with whom he was acquainted was Major Reid – He has no documentary evidence of his services and knows no one by whom he can prove them. Sometime in the beginning of the year 1781 he was again drafted into the United States services, but in consequence of his wifes situation was permitted to remain at home. There are no doubt many circumstances attending his services, as well as many officers names, with whom he served which from age, length of time and consequent loss of memory he is not now able to state. He served not less than the periods mentioned below to wit, the first tour four months the second tour three months in all seven months for which he claims a pension.

In answer to Interrogatories he states –

- 1– He was born in the City of London, as he believes on the 5th February 1756–
- 2– He has a record of his age, at his own house, was brought to this Country when young–
- 3– When he first entered the service resided in Bedford County Virginia, the second tour lived in Botetourt County Va lived there one year, since which has lived in Bedford where he now resides–
- 4– Entered the service as stated in this Declaration.
- 5– He has answered this Interrogatory to the best of his recollection in the body of this declaration.
- 6– He was discharged as herein stated.

7- John D. Patterson and Joseph Falls are persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

Jonathan Grooms