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Pension Application of Drewry Tann S19484

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State of Virginia }
Southampton County } SS.

On this 17 day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Southampton now sitting Drewry Tann (a Free man of Colour) a Resident of said county aged about seventy five 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 the 7th 1832.

That he inlisted under Capt. Hadley in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina, and states the manner he came in the service as follows, that being born free in the county of Wake he was stolen from his parents when a small boy by persons unknown to him, who were carrying him off to sell him into Slavery, and had gotten with him, and other stolen property, as far as the mountains on their way, that his parents made complaint to a Mr. Tanner Alford who was then a magistrate in the county of Wake state of N. Carolina to get me back from those who had stolen me, and he did pursue the Rogues & overtook them at the mountains and took me from them & my parents agreed that I should serve him (Tanner Alford) untill I was twenty one years old, when he had served Alford several years (six years) it came Alford's time to go in the army (or he told me so) and told me if I would go in the army he would set me free on which condition I readily listed under Capt. Hadley for eighteen months as he was told and marched to Charleston & thence to James's Island where he served out his tour of inlistment that he had a discharge and was about returning home when a Capt. Benjamin Coleman [Benjamin Andrew Coleman] who told me he lived in Bladen County N. Carolina took his discharge from him and tried to compell him to remain in the service & be his waiting man. his name is to be found in the Records of the State of North Carolina as he is informed by Mr. Deverieux of the City of Raleigh N. Carolina & the time of his inlistment as well as the fact of his inlisting under Capt Hadley as stated above. he cant state at what period of the war he entered the service. General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was the commander in chief, Col Lightly [sic: Archibald Lytle] & Capt Lightly [probably William Lytle], adjutant Ivy [sic: Curtis Ivey]. That he has no other documentary evidence than that refered to in the archives of the state of N Carolina at the city of Raleigh and knows of no person living who can testify [as to] his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Drewry hisXmark Tann

The said Drewry Tann states that he was born in the county of Wake N. Carolina in what year he does not know. That he has no Record of his age. That he was living in Wake county N. Carolina when he was Enlisted That he has lived since the Revolution in the county of North hampton [sic: Northampton] N. Carolina & the county of Southampton Virginia & that he lives in the county of Southampton at this time. That he listed volluntarily in the army under Capt Hadley. he served as before stated on James island near Charleston S. Carolina where there was some English prisoners & he was sometimes stationed as a guard over them, General Greene the commanding officer Col and Capt Lightly & adjutant Ivy are all the names he can at this time remember he does not know what regiment he served with. he did receive a discharge from the service & Capt. Coleman took it from him & what has become of it he cannot say he is known to Mr. Edwin G. Hart, Mr. N. Owens John Hart Col. Clements Rochelle James Magget Davis Bryant and many others.

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Drury Tan a private in Capt. Hadley's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 1st day of August 1782 for 18 months and that

nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 21st day of April 1834

[signed] W. Hill