

he then resided under Captain Cochrane in year 1776 before the Declaration of Independence to be attached to the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Infantry to join which he marched to Shepherd-town [sic: Shepherdstown] in Virginia thence to Fredericksburg then to Williamsburg. The Eighth Regiment having marched to [South] Carolina this Deponent was attached to First Virginia Regiment of Infantry commanded he thinks by General Mercer and Major Flemming but [he] does not recollect the name of the Colonel. Marched to the North crossed the Potomac at its mouth thence to Baltimore to Wilmington and by water passed Philadelphia into the Delaware landed at Trenton and thence to the White Plains, in which battle he was being his first – afterwards was in the battles of Trenton having marched the whole night before to reach the place of Prince town and of Germantown in which last battle he was taken prisoner sent to Philadelphia and confined in jail on scanty allowance and some time during the Spring following was removed to New York and exchanged at a place called Elizabeth-Point with others for Hessians whom he had aided in capturing at the battle of Trenton. Shortly after was discharged in New Jersey at a place called Shell-hill as well as he can recollect having remained several mon[ths] over my term of enlistment in consequence of my imprisonment. His Discharge and money were both stolen out of his pocket book. He is wholly ignorant of the place of residence of any of his officers and was at the time of his first application. His Major (Flemming) was killed at the Battle of Princeton and General Mercer wounded of which wound this Deponent understood he died.

This Deponent knows of no proof he can offer of his identity than the affidavit of John James who was acquainted with him in the war and was qualified as to his service when he first applied & who this Deponent understands is yet alive and resident in this District and the affidavit of Col Joseph Grisham now residing in Pickens District the Gentleman who originally prepared his papers for the War Department and superintended the drawing of his money in Charleston. He is aged and extremely infirm, gets about with great difficulty and cannot well attend the setting of the next court to make this Declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed Sept 11th 1833

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