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Pension Application of John Iden S2302

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On this 15th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Loudoun County Virginia, now sitting, John Iden, a resident of said County & State aged about eighty 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the U. States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

I was born in Bucks County Pennsy'a Dec. 5, 1752. I well remember I have always understood this was the time of my birth, tho' I have no record of my age. I was about eight years of age when my Father removed to Loudoun County Va. where I have continued to reside ever since. — It was in January 1777 I was [illegible abbreviation] to join Capt. Daniel Feegan's [Daniel Feagan's] Company of Loudoun Militia, to guard the Hessian prisoners to Albemarle County [see endnote], which had been captur'd at Trenton in Dec. [26th] 1776 – this service lasted about four weeks. — In the month of August 1777 I volunteerd in to Capt. James Raddican's [James Radican's] Company of Loudoun Militia for 6 mos. service – I was orderd by Col. Josias Clapham to the Shawnee Towns against the Indians. I volunteerd at a place in Loudoun Co'y near to Waterford, where the Presbyterian Log Meeting House then stood. we were marchd to Fort Pitt now Pitsberg [sic: Pittsburgh] where General [Edward] Hand took the command. The men, in 10 or 12 boats embark'd at candle light [?] & sail'd down the Ohio 120 miles to Fort Wheeling then to fort Shepherd about 5 miles further off – we had no battle with the Indians & after doing duty as I was commanded, I was dischg'd about the last of January 1778, being as well as I can now remember gone five months on that term of service. In July 1781 I was drafted into Capt. [Thomas] Kennon's Company of Loudoun Militia for three months. I march'd thro' Falmouth & Fredericksburg to Williamsburg then to York Town, where I was placed with my company under the command of Col. Merrywether [sic: Meriwether] & Maj'r Hardiman, U.S. officers. – I did duty on fatigue parties – picket guard &c as commanded & our Relief party arriving from Loudoun I was discharg'd about four days before Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. Our relief party was sent to Gloucester. I was dischg'd at York Town. This service continued for three months as nearly as I can recollect. my memory is very infirm, but to the best of my recollection I have stated the time correctly – that is nine mo's. for my three tours of duty.

I know of no person living who can testify to my service in Capt. Raddicans Company in the Indian War. I offer the affidavit of Thomas Griffith [pension application W4213] to prove my service in 1781 at York Town. Capt. Raddican moved to Ohio and there Died – an old companion of mine in Ratticans company, named Thomas Rogers [pension application S31337], moved to Kentucky many years ago – if he is yet living, I know not where he resides so that I could get his evidence. I cannot recollect whether I rec'd. written discharges, if I did, they have been long since lost. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] John Iden

NOTES:

The prison barracks in Albemarle County were constructed 1778 to house Hessian and British soldiers captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777.

On 11 Feb 1836 John Iden applied to have his pension transferred to Knox County OH where he had moved "under the guardian care of a son who removed from Virginia to Ohio."