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Pension Application of John Bomar S2383

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State of Kentucky Hart County Sct

On this 18th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court in the Hart circuit court, before the Judge thereof in court sitting John Bomar a resident citizen thereof, aged 75 years, last July, 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 of the 7th day of June 1832, That he entered the service of the united states in the american revolution as a volunteer soldier in the Militia of Virginia in the month of August 1779 as well as he now recollects, under Captain James Cobb [James Cobbs] in the redgment commanded by Col. William McDaniel the other company officers except Peter Legrand who was a sargent of the company he served in, he has forgotten the names of – when he entered the service he resided in Halifax county state of Virginia & it was in that county that he volunteered, and rendezvoused at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Virginia. He marched on an expedition against the British in the state of Virginia to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg], from thence to James Town & from thence to Hampton and from thence to Portsmouth & from thence to Norfolk, and from thence we returned to Portsmouth and was ultimately discharged at Williamsburgh, Virginia, in the same year, having volunteered on this tour for three months which he served out, the whole time except perhaps two weeks, according to his recollection of the time – he was discharged by his commanding officers & returned home but had no written discharge. He again, in March 1780 [see endnote] entered the service in the militia in the State aforesaid, being drafted for three months, he entered the service under the same Captain James Cobb, and in the Redgment commanded by Col Anthony Urby – we rendezvoused at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] North Carolina, having passed by Guilford courthouse shortly after the battle fought there with the British forces by the American army [15 Mar 1781] – when we were assembled at Salsburey our Captain Cobb resigned, and the company in which he served was put under the Command of Colonel Rogers, tho he acted then as captain, of the company – From Salsbury we marched to Stono, below Charleston, about 25 miles, and there he was in the action fought there, with the British [Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779], in this engagement Doctr. Urby our Lieutenant was, wounded, and afterwards died. From Stono we again returned to Salsbury and was there discharged, but had no written discharge; In this tour he served five months tho he had only volunteered for three months.

He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know, of any witness or witnesses now living by whom he can prove his services or any part thereof. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity from the Government, except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state in the union.

And the said applicant in answer to the Interrogetories prescribed by the war department, says first, that he was born in the County of King and Queen in the State of Virginia – in the year 1757 in the month of July on the last day thereof. There is a record of his age in his fathers family Bible which he has often seen, but which is in the possession of one of his brothers in the state of Virginia, in the County of Halifax, and according to that record & the information obtained from his parents he is of the age above stated, – He had no written discharge from the service as he has stated but was discharged by the commanding officers of the troops with which he served. He removed from Halifax county about 25 years since to Hardin, county Kentucky now Hart, where he still resides & continued to reside in Halifax county Virginia from the close of the war until he removed to Kentucky & settled in Hardin county – he was acquainted with Gen'l. Lincon [sic: Benjamin Lincoln] at Stono Battle, the french troops [Pulaski's Legion of Horse and Foot] joined with the american forces at Salsbury, & was in the action at Stono with them, but with any of the officers he had no acquaintance. There were continental redgments also at Stono but

he knows not the number of the redgments or the officers names, – He is acquainted with many persons in his neighbourhood who can speak of his character for truth & of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution Towit Samuel Durham, John B Cobb, and William M Brown Clergyman also, John Hawkins & many others – sworn to & subscribed, in open court, the date above

John hisXmark Bomar Sr

NOTE: I could find no record of any of the militia officers named in the declaration. Bomar's second tour apparently confuses the time and sequence of at least two different tours. The casualty return for the battle of Stono Ferry shows no Virginia militiaman wounded or killed.