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Pension application of Hezekiah Chiles S2424

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 14th day of November 1832, personally appeared before us, Henry Turney and Cornelius Darnell two of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Lincoln aforesaid, Hezekiah Chiles, aged about 72 years, and resident in the County & State aforesaid, 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.

I was born in the State of Virginia but do not know in what County as I left there when very small & moved to North Carolina, Granville County, where I lived at the time I entered the service. – I have no record of my age, and being quite illiterate and having been for many years and a very low state of health I cannot now recollect when I was born but think it was sometime in the year 1760 or '61. –

Sometime in the latter part of the summer or the first of the fall of the year 1780 as well as I can now recollect I was drafted in the North Carolina militia for a tour of three months. I do not recollect who was the commander of the Regiment but the company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain Searcy – we rendezvoused at Granville Courthouse and my company & another under the command of Captain Banks, marched down into South Carolina for the purpose of joining the Army under Gates who was then near Cumpden [sic, Camden] South Carolina – when we arrived within a short distance of Camden we met the Army of General Gates retreating, as they had just had a battle with the British and had been defeated – we joined in the retreat, and after we had escaped from the British the militia were permitted to go home and General Gates with the regulars retired to Hillsborough. After being at home a few days, we were ordered to meet at Hillsborough, where [we] were placed under the command of General Butler [John Butler] – my company was then commanded by Captain Richard Harrison & Ensign John Ravens (the Lieutenant not recollected) – after remaining at Hillsboro about ten days General Butler marched us to Salisbury North Carolina and then ordered five hundred of us to be marched under the command of Colonel Moore and to joined the forces then under the command of General Smallwood, somewhere in South Carolina, but I do not now recollect where. We remained some time at the encampment of General Smallwood principally engaged in mustering and learning the military exercises – we were then sent (that is my company) against a small body of Tories who were collected at a mill on Waxhaw Creek – when we arrived in about two

miles of the mill, a troop of cavalry who had been sent on after us, passed us and arrived at the mill, dispersed the Tories & drove them off before we got there – we were then stationed at the mill and remained there till our three months tour expired. We then returned to Headquarters, were dismissed & returned home – Sometime in the succeeding summer I was again drafted in a company commanded as well as I now recollect by Captain Gillaim [sic, Gilliam?] – my company & two or three other companies were stationed on a ridge in Granville County (the name of which I now forget) for the purpose of defending the country against the depredations of the Tories, by whom the inhabitants were frequently disturbed. I do not now recollect whether there was any officer over us of a higher grade than Captain we remained stationed on the ridge until the time for which I was drafted (which was three months) had expired. I then returned home and was not engaged in any service afterwards –I do not recollect that I ever received a written discharge. I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed before us the day & year aforesaid

Henry Turney, JP

S/ Hezekiah Chiles, X his mark

Cornelius Darnell, JP

[Albert G Gibson, a clergyman, and John Broadway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]