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Pension application of Manoah Dyer S2532

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: Circuit Court

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting Manoah Dyer a resident of said County in said State aged about seventy-seven 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in Halifax County Virginia for three months under Captain James Cobb Lieutenant Jacob Kelly in the year 1778. The object of the company as informed by Captain Cobb was to prevent the landing of the British ship which was in James River below the mouth of Elizabeth. The company marched from Halifax County Virginia through Petersburg to Williamsburg, then to Hampton on James River, passing a small town which he thinks was called Little York. The company remained some time, he disremembers how long, at Hampton, to prevent the British from coming into the settlement for provisions. Then the company left their baggage and wagons and went to Portsmouth, on the opposite side of the River Elizabeth from Norfolk. There they remained some time, then crossed the River, marched through Norfolk to a place called the pleasure house on James River, about 25 miles below Norfolk. After remaining there a few days they found provisions could not be had and marched back to Portsmouth, and remained until there three months tour had nearly expired; then part of the company went by water and part by land and met at Williamsburg, where they were discharged having served out the term of three months. None of the company received a written discharge. Applicant was the drummer and William Logan the fifer of this company.

He has no documentary evidence of the above stated service, and knows of no person by whom he can prove that he rendered it, or any fact relating to it.

In the year 1779 applicant moved to Wilkes County North Carolina, and early in the spring 1781 was drafted and attached to Captain Richard Allen's company of Infantry and marched to Major Lewis's on the Yadkin River, where the company were discharged. He understood the company was to join General Greene's Army but hearing of the battle of Guilford the company was discharged, having been in service at least 20 days. He received no written discharge and knows of no person by whom he can prove the service rendered.

In July 1781 he was drafted in Wilkes County North Carolina for three months, and attached to Captain Alex. Gordon's company under the command of Colonel Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke], and he thinks Colonel Malbery [sic, Malmedy] (a Frenchman) took the command at Waxhaw. The company rendezvoused at Hamblin's store Surry County North

Carolina about the 27th of July 1781 and marched to Camden, where they remained a few days, then they crossed the Wateree River, then the Congaree [River], then to the Eutaw Springs where they joined General Greene's Army on the morning before the battle. He was in the battle fought at Eutaw Springs on the ninth of September 1781. After the battle Captain Gordon's company of which he was one marched to Salisbury guarding British prisoners to a place called Bell's Branch where his term of service expired, and he received the accompanying discharge and returned to Wilkes County, where he remained till the year 1824 when he removed to Monroe County Tennessee, where he now resides.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: in Caroline County Virginia on the 28th of September 1755.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have one written by my father now in my possession

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: Embodied in the foregoing declaration

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: In the foregoing declaration

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: General Grain & Colonel Malmedy all the officers I recollect. Applicant recollects known of the regiments particularly because he was joined to no Regiment the first tour & the last tour the company he belonged to did not join General Greene's Army till the morning of the battle, when the lines were forming.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: In the foregoing declaration

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: The Reverend Eli Cleveland and John Callaway Esquire -- Matthew Nelson

Applicant has no other evidence of his services than what is stated in the foregoing Declaration, nor does he know of any person who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Manoah Dyer

S/ John B. Tipton, Clerk

[Eli Cleveland, a clergyman, and John Callaway gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Camp at Bell's Branch October 27th 1781

This may Certify that Menoe Dyer has served three months Tower of Duty in my Company under the command of Colonel Locke as a good and faithful soldier and is hereby Discharged.

S/ Alexander Gordon, Captain

S/ Francis Lock, Colo.