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Pension Application of Abraham Moore S2855

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State of Ohio, Jefferson County SS

On this Seventeenth day of May AD 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the judges of the court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting within and for said county, Abraham Moore, a free man of colour, residing in the town of Steubenville, in said county of Jefferson, aged ninety four years, last October, 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, to wit, In the year 1781, as nearly as this declarant now recollects, he was living with one Augustine Moore, in Fayette County, in the State of Pennsylvania – that the said Augustine Moore was drafted in the militia of said state, to go on an expedition to the west against the Indians that this declarant went out as the substitute of said Augustine Moore, in the company of militia commanded by Captain George, (or William) Fox, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Giddes [possibly spelled Thomas Geddes], in the Brigade of General Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] – that he marched with said Company from the town of Uniontown, and crossed the Ohio River, at the Mingo Bottom (now in said Jefferson County) [present Mingo Junction OH] where there was then a Block House – from thence he marched through the wilderness, to Wapatamika [Wakatomika], in said state of Ohio, where they arrived in the month of June, in said year 1781. Here the American Troops attacked the Indians, and defeated them. Several Indians were killed and several taken prisoners in this engagement. And this declarant was wounded by a ball passing through his arm. Capt. Fox was wounded in the breast. Shortly after this engagement, the company returned to Uniontown – their return was in July of said year 1781. Declarant was absent on this expedition two months – was discharged at Union town by Capt. Fox, but does not remember whether his discharge was in writing.

In the fall of the same year (1781) the Indians again became troublesome on the frontier settlements, and the said Augustine Moore was again drafted, in the Pennsylvania militia, on an expedition against the Indians, and this Deponant again entered the service, as a substitute for said Moore. He was under the command of Capt Edward Stewart, in this expedition, the aforesaid Col. Giddes still commanding the regiment. He was marched from Uniontown to what is now called Holliday's cove [Hollidays Cove in present West Virginia], on the Ohio River, and crossing the said Ohio at that place, the troops proceeded through the wilderness to the Muskingum river, where they met and engaged with, a body of Indians, defeated them and returned again to Uniontown Declarant was absent on this expedition six weeks. He returned to Uniontown about the last of October and was again discharged by his captain.

The following spring (1782) the Indians committed some murders and depredations on Short Creek, Virginia, and another draft was made from the Pennsylvania Militia, to go out against the Indians, and this declarant again entered the service as a substitute for the said Augustine Moore, in the Company of Pennsylvania Militia commanded by Capt. — Sharp – there was but this company called out, at this time – this declarant marched with said company from Uniontown, crossed the Ohio river, at the mout [mouth] of Short Creek, and proceeded on to Still Water (somewhere in what is now Harrison County Ohio) [probably Stillwater now in Tuscarawas County OH] where they met, and had an engagement with a body of Indians, who were defeated and routed – and the Company then returned to Uniontown, Declarant was absent on this expedition but two weeks.

In the spring of 1783, the said Augustine Moore was again drafted, and this declarant again went out, as his substitute. He served during tour in the Company of Pennsylvania Militia, under the command of Capt. John Giddes, in a regiment commanded by the said Col. Thomas Giddes. Said company acted in the capacity of scouts, and was stationed at the Block house, at what is now called Beach Bottom [sic: Beech Bottom], in Brooke county Virginia – this declarant was out, and in service, on this expedition, five

months, and then returned to Uniontown, where he was discharged from the service. During the several terms of his service, the Company and regiment in which he served, never were in company with any regular or continental troops, as the defence of the frontier was committed solely to the Militia, nor was this declarant acquainted with any of the officers of the regular army – nor of the militia, except the beforementioned Captains Fox, Stewart, Sharp and Giddes, and Col. Giddes. He has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge from the service, but if he ever did, his discharge or discharges are now lost, nor has he any documentary evidence of any kind to prove the foregoing facts, in relation to his service. He knows of no person now living, by whom he can substantiate said facts. He was born, in the State of Maryland, as he believes, in the month of October 1738, though he has no record of his age, nor does he know that there is any record thereof, now extant. After the close of the revolutionary war, he resided in Washington County, Pennsylvania, till the year 1790, when he removed to Jefferson County, Ohio, his present place of residence, where he has lived ever since. He is known to Bazaleel Wells and Joseph Jenkins of Steubenville in said County of Jefferson to whom he refers, as persons, who will prove his good character for truth and veracity, and who will state their belief, that he did serve in the revolutionary war, as above stated. 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 any agency in any state.

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NOTE: The pension application was sent with a letter stating that Moore “is a very frail old man rendered almost incapable of supporting himself, by his age and bodily infirmities.”