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Pension Application of Henry Armstrong S30248

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Adair County & State of Kentucky SS

On this 2nd day of October 1833 personally appeared before me Walton Morrison an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the the County of Adair Henry Armstrong a resident of said County and State of Kentucky aged 79 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 on the 1st day of January under Captain Cravens [sic: Robert Craven] and on the 2nd day of January we rendezvoused at Col. Daniel Smith in Rockingham County & State of Virginia where this applicant then lived that he marched from the afs'd. County through Greenbrier over the Alleghany mountain to Tigers Valley [sic: Allegheny Mountains to Tygart Valley] and was there kept during the balance of the Tour under Capt Cravens guarding the Frontiers and rendering any and every other kind of service that was required until the expiration of the Tour which was three months from the commencement at the 1st of Jan'y afs'd. That he was discharged in writing by Capt Cravens but has lost his discharge and all other papers since he has the misfortune to be blind is now in that condition and is a pauper of the afs'd. County now in the poor house under the overseer thereof and would have applied sooner had he have been able to have been at Court or to have procured any person to have attended to the business for him. that in the afs'd. Tour he was a volunteer and served on his own account and no as a substitute that he was engage in no civil pursuit during the afsd service. That in the month of September in the same year he again went under Capt Cravens from Rockingham County rendezvousing at the same place as the first Tour then march across the Alleghany mountain Crossed the Monongahale [sic: Monongahela] River above Fort Pitt [at present Pittsburgh] built a Fort called McIntosh [begun Sep 1778 at present Beaver PA]. that he was under the Command of Col. [William] Crawford & Maj. Palmeter the forgoing service after we had built the Fort we marched on about seventy miles crossed another small River called as he thinks Tuscaroring [sic: Tuscarawas] River and built a small Fort [Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, begun Nov 1778] that he remained there some time the he received a written discharge from Capt Cravens but owing to misfortunes as lost it that General [Lachlan] McIntosh was head commander during this tour which was three months. he was a drafted malitiaman this Tour and served on his own account and not as a substitute. that he was engaged in no civil pursuit during this service of the afs'd Tour. That about two years after the performance of the afs'd. service as well as he recollects he was again drafted (in Botetourt County where he had removed to from Rockingham since the two Tours afs'd.) under Capt. John Lewis of the afs'd. Tour for three months. Capt Lewis and his company was under the command of General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. we marched from Botetourt to Jamestown on James River and there remained under Mulingburg until Washington came [to Williamsburg, 14 Sep 1781] Marched from thence to York where Cornwallis was taken. That after the surrender of Cornwallis he was discharge by Capt Goodson who had taken the command of the Company owing to Lewis having resigned which discharge is lost. that he was not a substitute but served on his own account. that he was engaged in no civil pursuit during the afs'd. service of three months and which now ended being in all nine months as is specified in the forgoing Tours. He states that he knows of no person living who can testify to his service and that if there ever was he is so old & infirm, together with being blind that he would not be able to procure them. that there is no Clergyman immediately in the neighbourhood nor not one as he knows of nearer than six or eight miles and that it is a matter of perfect impossibility for him to procure one himself and he is so poor that he is not enabled to get any person to procure one to certify as required by the regulations of the War Department. That he was born in the year 1754 the last day of Feb'y. That he has no record of his age.

That he resided in Virginia until the 1807 then removed to the State of Ky Adair County and lived & has lived here ever since That he is known in the neighbourhood to Jno. Stotts, Robert King & others

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

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