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Pension Application of Adam Beetem S30270

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Henry County }

On this 7th day of Oct'r. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Henry County Court now sitting Adam Beetem a resident of Henry County Ky aged 74 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 is to say being a resident of the County of Burks [sic: Berks] in the State of Pennsylvania he did on the [blank] day of Dec'r. 1776 enter the service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted militia man in the company of Capt. Robinson upon a tour of three months – that he rendezvoused in Reddentown [probably Reading] in the said county – that he was marched toward a little place called Kingston on the Delaware river and on the route about 30 miles from his place of rendezvous he joined his regiment which was commanded by Col. Strode [sic: Jacob Stroud] – that he was marched to the river Delaware in the neighbourhood of Kingston and was there kept stationed for some weeks in order to assist in preventing the British from crossing over from New Jersey to Pennsylvania – that whilst he was there stationed the Battles of Trenton & Princeton were fought [26 Dec 1776 and 3 Jan 1777] and soon after he was marched above Kingston a short distance on said River to a small village the name of which he has forgotten and was there kept stationed during the whole of the residue of his tour and after having fully served out the same he was discharged and returned home – he states that he was not under the command of any higher officer than his colonel and that his regiment during his said term of service acted separately from any other as far as he had knowledge –

He further states and declares that in the year 1780 he moved to Ky. and landed at Thompson's station on Town fork in the present County of Fayette about the first of May of that year and immediately thereupon entered the service as a volunteer soldier under Captain Steele who had the command of that station – that he remained in said station as a part of the garrison thereof upon his said engagement for the term of three months and was sometimes engaged in scouting and spying parties against the Indians during the said period and at the termination thereof to wit: in the month of August 1780 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt McDowell upon a six months tour – that he joined Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] at the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] and marched by him upon an expedition against Peccaway [sic: Piqua] and other Indian Towns on the waters of the Miami – that the Indians were routed with some loss and Peccaway & Chillicothe burnt and their corn destroyed [8 Aug 1780] after which Gen'l. Clarke marched the troops back to the falls of OHio and soon after this declarent was marched by his Captain to the fort at Thompson Station where he remained as a part of the garrison until the full expiration of his said term of engagement & at the expiration thereof he went to Lexington where he remained but a short time.

He further states and declares that in the month of march in the year 1781 as well as he now remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man & private soldier upon a three months tour in the company of Capt Russell – that he came under the command of Col Holder and was marched to the falls of OHio where he joined an expedition under Gen'l. Clarke to Vincennes and above that place on the Wabash river against the Indians – that he marched with the expedition and when he reached Vencennes was there kept stationed during his tour and at the termination thereof was discharged and immediately thereupon he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Captain Thomas Stribling upon a twelve months tour – that he thus engaged in the service in the month of July 1781 as well as he remembers. He

states that he continued at the said fort as a part of the garrison during his whole term of service – that whilst there on this engagement a treaty was made with a portion of the Indians by Gen'l. Clarke – that he served out his term of service fully and faithfully and at the expiration thereof he was discharged and returned to the falls of OHio and from thence he again went to Thompson's station and was there and at Lexington during the balance of the year 1782 endeavouring to protect the country from the Indians. He states that he arrived at the said fort at Thompsons Station sometime in the month of August 1782 and from that time till about Christmas following he was actively engaged at that place and in Lexington under Capts. Steele & Russell defending the country against the Indians comprising a period of not less than four months.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure 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 to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Adam hisXmark Beetem

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Burks County Pennsylvania in the year 1759

2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I had at home in my Bible but it was burnt

3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. Upon my first tour I lived in Burks County Penn where I entered the service – this tour was for three months and was performed the winter before the British took Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777]. I was stationed during the whole period of it on the Delaware river. When I entered the service upon my other tours of duty I lived in Ky. and after the war I continued to reside in Fayette County Ky. till about 15 years ago and then moved to Henry County Ky where I still reside.

4th. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

And if a substitute for whom

answer Upon two of my tours I was drafted. In the others I was a volunteer.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. In my service in Pennsylvania I was with a single regiment which was militia. Gen'l. [William] Irvine who was a militia officer had I believe the controul of us in some degree. I did not become acquainted during this service with any of the regular officers though the main Army was posted along the Delaware. Upon this service I however several times saw Genl Washington. I was stationed for a while below Kingston on the Delaware and the balance of my tour I was above that place on the same river. In my services in Ky. I recollect Gen'l. Clarke who was a regular officer and I believe Capt. Stribling was also one. I recollect Col. [Daniel] Boone Col. Holder & Col. Todd & C. who were militia officers. My services after I came to Kentucky were directed against the Indians I performed garrison duty at the fort at Thompsons station and at the fort at Lexington. I was with Gen'l. Clarke in his expedition against Peccaway & Chilicothe in 1780 and was engaged in the Battle with the Indians at Peccaway. I was also with Gen'l. Clarke in his expedition to Vincennes and up the Wabash against the Indians in 1781. I did not return from Vincennes till the summer of 1782 but remained as a part of the garrison of that place.

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

Answer. I received several discharges in writing signed by my officers which were consumed when my house was burnt down

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can

testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution
Answer I will name E. F. Nuttall and Charles Hugeley

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Adam hisXmark Beetem