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Pension Application of John Brooks S3056

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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas and quarter sessions

Fayette county } January Term 1833

On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the court of Pleas and quarter session for the county aforesaid John Brook a resident of Fayette county State aforesaid aged about eighty one years and first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States as a malitiaman some time in the fall of the year A.D. 1777 at the time he resided in the State of Mereland Baltimer County [Baltimore County MD] under the command of Capt James Bosley and was attached to the army of General [Levin] Winder at the Town of Baltimer where the army remained some time for the purpose of guarding the Town as it was expected that the British would land there but it so happened they did not and applicant was discharged and returned home without having been engaged in any Battle with the British after which applicant removed with his family into the state of Virginia augustia [sic: Augusta] County sometime in the month of May in the year 17[blank] applicant was drafted and entered the service of the United State under the command of Cap Francis Long and was attached to the Redgmt Col McReary [sic: John McCreery] applicant marched with the army in about four miles of Williamsburg where we remained some two or three weeks presise time not recollected durin our stay there we had several scirmishes with the British from thence the armerican army marched to old James Town under the command of General Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne] General Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and General Lafayette at which point the Armerican and British army were engaged in a serious Battle [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] in which applicant was engaged which was terminated with the shades of knight the loss was considerable on both sides and both were disposed to claim the the victory the British army cross the James River and the American crossed the same in pirsuit of them but no other General engaguement took place during the time that applicant remain with the army his term of services herin expired which was two or three months as applicant believes and he returned home where applicant remained but a short time untill he was again drafted and called into the services of the United State under the command of Capt Francs Long from thence applicant marchd down to Little York and was in the survices of the united state through out the seage a York which terminated in the surrender of the British army [19 Oct 1781] and was one of the Guard that guarded the British army as prisoner of war to Winchester Baracks in the state of Virginia at which point applicant discharged and returned home applicant is of the impression that he was in the united State services about seven month during which time many accurrances pass of notoriety that from the frail and imperfect state of appliants memory seem to him as a dream and his recollection is so imperfect that he cannot with justice to himself attempt to give them in detail

Applicant state that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services & he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pensiu or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state

[signed] John Brooks

Where and in what year were you bornd

I was born in South hampton [sic: Southampton] Township Bucks County state of Pennsylvania in the year seventeen hundred & fifty two

Have you any record evidence of your age and where is it

My age is recorded in my family Bible which is now in my possession in this county

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

When first called into services I resided in the state of Mereland Baltimer County I then remove to the State of Virginia augusta county where I lived through out the Revolutionary war when I was not in the service of the United State I removed from Virginia after the Revolutionary war into the State Kentucky where I remain about two year I then remove into the state of Tennessee and have lived in Tennessee ever since I now resided in Fayette County

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you substituted

I was drafted as stated in my declaration for a pention

State the names of some of the regular officer who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia Regments as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your services

At this late period I cannot answer the above qustion more explictly than to refer to my declaration which contains as full a statement of fact as my frail and imperfect recollection will justify me in giving Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

I am not prepared to say that I did receive a discharge but believe I did which [illegible word] misplace or lossed

State of Tennessee }

Fayette County } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions October Term 1833

On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid John Brooks a resident of Fayette County State aforesaid aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

That he entered into the service of the united State as stated in his declaration and served as therein stated that he was informed it was not necessary to give a full detail of all his service but that it was only necessary to state sufficient to show that he had been a soldier in the revolutionary war and fought in defence of this country indeed at this remote period he is but illy prepared to give a very minute detail of his services in consequence of his very great age and very imperfect memory Applicant state that owing to the imperfect state of his memory he cannot attempt to state with any degree of precission the precise length of time that he served but is convinced he served seven months in all. he perhaps needs the aide of his government as much as any other individual but that he woud not hazard his character for veracity by making positive and direct statement in relation to the time of his services for all the money in the treasury. his days are numbered and he feels that the cold hand of death will be laid upon in a short time and that he has children that are munificent in the extream to him and who have hitherto kindly extended to him all the wants of life and he has no doubt will continue to do. there if the statements made in this declaration are not sufficient to autherise his government to extend to him that which he feels is due to him under the law above alluded to he must still continue to draw upon the charity of his children Applicant states that he served as a soldier and if he draws any thing from his government it should be bounty of a soldier Applicant was informed that it was not necessary to have the certificate of a minister of the gospel and therefore did not procure the certificate of one in the first instance

[signed] John Brooks