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Pension application of David Roper S30683

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County Court

On this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the ~~Pulaski~~ Pulaski County Court for the County of Pulaski State of Kentucky, now sitting as a Court David Roper a resident citizen of Pulaski County Kentucky aged 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 while a resident of Orange County State of North Carolina on the 16th day of September 1776 he entered the service of the United States in the company of Captain John Walker for the term of 6 months Absalom Tatum was the Lieutenant, was attached to and belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Moore, the Lieutenant Colonel in command was Frank Nash. He was marched to Wilmington North Carolina and the company to which he belonged there joined the Main Army, stationed at that time at Wilmington, he recollects none of the General officers except the Adjutant who exercised & mustered the men, his name was DeKesar [sic, probably Lehancius De Keyser] he was engaged in employed in the service sometimes at Wilmington, at Brunswick town and some time at a Garrison called Bald head at the mouth of Cape Fear River and was engaged in obedience to the orders of his superiors marching and countermarching to and from the above named places, as the situation of the Country required, his winter quarters was on said River Cape Fear between Wilmington & Brunswick he served out fully and entirely the said 6 months and was discharged at the winter quarters and received a discharge in writing signed by the proper officers but whose name is not now Recollected, which Discharge was afterward stolen from him, and he understood that the individual who purloined attempted to use the discharge [2 or more indecipherable words], immediately after the expiration of the first 6 months a call was made for men and while at the place of the winter quarters aforesaid, he volunteered for the term & period of 6 months in the company of Andrew Vanoy [normally spelled Andrew Vannoy, Van Noy or Vanois] Captain, John Roper & James Wilson lieutenants and was marched to Charleston South Carolina and belonged to a Regiment the Colonel in command of which was a stranger and his name is now not Recollected, the name of the Major was John Walker the names of the General Officers of the Army to which this Regiment he belonged to was attached were not familiar, they were southern men and strangers and their names at this time not now Recollected, the officers of the first Regiment to which he belonged marched after he volunteered in the Company of Andrew Vanoy a different direction and Frank Nash was afterwards killed in the Battle of Brandywine. After reaching Charleston South Carolina, [he] was employed there in the service some time, was then marched by his officers to

Georgetown South Carolina from thence was marched to Augusta Georgia and from there we were marched back to South Carolina and at the expiration of the Term of six months which he states he fully served out at a town called Pine tree [Camden] in the State of South Carolina, he was discharged from the service he did not receive a discharge in writing.

He was born in the County of Orange North Carolina on the __day of October 1755 the day he do not recollect & he is entirely illiterate can neither read or write, he knows of no Record of his age: and states his age from the information given him by his Father -- lived in said County of Orange until about the time he arrived at the age of 25 years -- then removed to the southern part of the State, and settled on little Broad River near Gilbert Town where he lived 16 or 17 years and from thence he removed to Garrard County Kentucky and lived there for 2 years from there he removed to his present Farm in Pulaski County, upon which he has resided ever since and in which County he still lives. That he has now no Documentary evidence whatever of his Services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He is known to Joseph M. James a clergyman and General John Griffin in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Roper, S his mark

[Joseph M. James, a clergyman, and John Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]