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Pension Application of James Turner S30757

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State of Kentucky } County Court August Term 1832
Wayne County }

On this the 27th day of August in the year aforesaid personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the county court now sitting for the county of Wayne aforesaid, James Turner a resident Citizen of the county of Wayne aforesaid in the State of Kentucky aged as he believes 70 years the 15th of this instant, – who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the united states passed the 7th day of June, 1832. that he entered the service of the united states the day and dates he cannot say with certainty, but it was in the fall season of the year, and in the year 1778 if he is not mistaken; he entered said service under Merry Carter as a cattle driver with orders to go to fort Pitt [present Pittsburgh PA] said Trip was to stand as a Tower, we went on many of us was put to collecting beef cattle in Bedford County Virginia from where we started and on through Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County gathering cattle and finally Took a Large amount of Beef cattle to fort Pitt for the use of the army camped there some weeks and Marched to the cow pastures, and having served three months was there discharged for three months by said Carter he then returned home to Bedford County to the place from where he started, and he was again called on when it came to his number he was called on by Col James Calloway [James Callaway] to guard the Tories that were then prisoners at New London [now in Campbell County] it was in the fall season of the year he performed this service, and as I think must have been in the year 1779 he was not Engaged the full three months but was discharged by said Col. James Calloway for a three months tower He then returned home again and there remained, untill, it again came to his turn and again entered the service under Captain John Trigg, some time in the Winter the precise time not recollected and marched under him to Petersburg and thence cabin point [on James River in Surry County] where we was put under Col Meriwether and there Joind General Mullenbugs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] army; from thence to the dismal swamps there was in a Skirmish against the british from thence he marched to Gregorys camp thence to the Tar yard there he was again discharged in the month of April, and and he believes in the year 1780 having served his full three months and again returned home to Bedford County and some time thereafter not precisely recollected, but it was in the fall season of the year, and thinks 1780 [sic], he was again called and the most of the men generally was called, it was understood that the Enemy was making their way up in Virginia [beginning on 10 May 1781] we marched from Bedford county county under the same Capt John Trigg through various places in Virginia suspecting to meet the Enemy was in no Battle no remarkable incident happened was finally discharged by our said Captain after marching up the Country to a place called New london agreeable to order of Col. Calloway and was there discharged by said Captain for a three months tower and again returned home to Bedford county, and there remained some few months, and was again called into service the precise time not recollected, but it was in the Latter part of the summer, we marched off under my said captain Trigg and under Col William Trigg to old JamesTown where we Joind some other Troops staid there but a short time and march'd to williamsburg and continued on to york where he was Joind to General Washington's army where he remained ditching and engaged in the most servile Labor for about two weeks, when a certain Joel Preston [probably pension application W10229] of Bedford County Virginia informed me of three deserters whome he had learnd had deserted from some place near Charleston, and that they were there about our camps and said Joel Preston and a certain William Melton and himself apprehended them a carried them before Coll Charles Dabney, being instructed so to do and he sent us to our captain and he wrote our discharges and we returned home, we three to our homes in Bedford County from where we started, which was the last of my services amounting to five three months towers, agreeable to my discharges as herein set forth. he further states that he continued to live in Bedford county Virginia untill

about sixteen years ago and then moved to Wayne county Kentucky where he has lived ever since. my discharges were in some way mislaid, and he knows are entirely Lost & is certain I have not had one of them for many years and has no documentary proof of my services. I shall be able to prove my service by the oath of Capt George Dabney [W3007] with whom I served his three Last towers, and He believes said witness can give full satisfaction of his other two towers although he did not serve them with him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the date and year afsd
James Turner

State of Kentucky }

Wayne County } on this the 27th day of May AD 1833 personally appear before the worshipful Justices of the county court of Wayne county state of Kentucky now sitting,

which is a court of record James Turner a resident citizen of said County and after being duly sworn according To Law, doth on his oath make the following amendment, To his original Declaration; and states that he was born and raised in Bedford County Virginia and continued there till he entered the service in the revolution

he was born the 15th day of August 1762 agreeable to the record as kept in his bible which is now destroyd

he has no record at this Time, he has no doubt he has kept his age Right since, he states that the whole of the different periods of service performed by him he was call'd out by number as away of drafting, he serv'd the same as stated his original Declaration as a drafted private. he states that he had written discharges from the different officers, from whom he was dischar'd, to wit, Merry Carter, Col James Calloway & John Trigg as spoken of in his original Declaration amounting To five three month Tower's agreeable To the periods of his engagements and his discharges, he states that the second Tower spoken of in his original Declaration he was discharged by Col Calloway having serv'd as Long as there was use for him not having serv'd a full period of three months, and the Last Tower spoken of in his said original Declaration namely the Siege at York that when he was discharged by furnishing a deserter in his place that he Lacked b ut a few days of serving out his full three months; is not certain precisely how much it Lacked this applicants discharges agreeable To the face of them amounted To fifteen months he Lacking in fact some short amount of having been in the service the full time spoken of in his discharges this applicant cannot state at this period of Time precisely how much he Lacked of serving the full time out of the Two said Towers but according To the best of his recollection he serv'd in to to counting the whole of all his Tours not Less than one year one month and fifteen days a drafted private Soldier of the revolution. This applicant thinks he can prove his Character for veracity & reputation as a soldier of the revolution by Col George Ewing Thomas Taber Evan Thomas they being his neighbors and in fact by all his intimate acquaintance in the county where he Lives and by many respectable me with whom he was acquainted in Bedford County Virginia that are now citizens of the said county where aplicant now Lives
James Turner