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Pension Application of Nicholas Burger S30905

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County of Union }

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Daniel McKinny Lewis Greenwell Joseph Hay John L Deckey John G Tunsell & George Johnson Justices of the County Court for the County of Union now sitting Nicholas Burger a resident in the said County of Union and State of Kentucky aged seventy one 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

In March 1778 being a resident of Albamarle [sic: Albemarle] County Virginia, he volunteered and joined Lieutenant Hudson Martin of Albamarle county, the company immediately marched to Valley Forge Pennsylvania and joined the american army – himself and the men who volunteered under Martin were attached to the company which had been commanded by Capt Matt. Jewett [sic: Matthew Jouett] of Albamarle (he having died) was then commanded by Capt Hill – were attached to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment called “Richardsons,” [Col. Holt Richeson’s] but then commanded by Col Heath [sic: William Heth] and were in Woodfords [William Woodford’s] Brigade – the British army was then in possession of Philadelphia – when Philadelphia was abandoned by the British army [18 Jun 1778], he was marched with the American Army in pursuit of the British through Jersey, was in the detachment under Gen’l LaFayette that brought on the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun] – marched over the North river to the White plains in New York, then to West Point & was employed in building or repairing the fortifications there – were afterwards marched to Middle Brook New Jersey where huts were erected and the army went into winter quarters and in March 1779 he received his discharge at Middlebrook, and came home in company with his Lieutenant Robert Jewett of Albamarle having served at that time twelve months

In the fall 1779 when Arnold [Gen. Benedict Arnold, beginning at the end of 1779] invaded Virginia he went from Albamarle to Amherst and there joined the the militia company raised and commanded by Capt John Morrison of Amherst – marched to Richmond and then to Petersburg where he believes they were attached to the regiment commanded by Col Mead [sic: Everard Meade], being only four companies, and under the command of Gen’l [Robert] Lawson – was kept on duty at Petersburg until the last of the winter or first of the spring, was then marched home and discharged, having obtained a certificate of discharge for two tours of duty of three months each.

In the summer 1780, he joined the militia company raised by Capt Grason or Greshan [probably William Grayson] of Albamarle, was marched with three other companies (4 altogether) under the command of Maj’r [William] Boyce to Little York and were kept on duty there until March 1781 when he was permitted and did volunteer to go on board a small vessel under the command of Capt Lilly [probably Thomas Lilly] who was charged by the Governor of Virginia with dispatches to Gen’l La Fayette – he went with Capt Lilly in the vessel (called he believes a skipper [sic]) down York river into the Chesapeake, was persued by the British shipping into the mouth of the Patuxent where they met Gen’l La Fayette who had also been chased into the Patuxent – Gen’l La Fayette landed his troops and marched by land – the vessels were taken up the Patuxent – Capt Lilly not being able to take the Skipper back to Little York through the British shipping discharged him and the other young men who had volunteered in that important but dangerous enterprise when he again returned home to Albamarle

In April or May 1781 before Tarlton came to Albamarle [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, early June], he again volunteered and marched with the militia company commanded by Capt James Woods [sic: James

Wood] of Albamarle, to Richmond, thence below Richmond where the company was attached to Col Richardsons Regiment – when Woods' term expired, he joined Capt Martins company in Richardsons regiment – was marched to Williamsburg, from there to the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and remained there on duty until the capture of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] and was then discharged

For the first term of twelve months he had a discharge which was afterwards committed to Mr Jefferson who was under the belief that the Virginia Legislature would make compensation to the Virginia troops – he has never received the discharge since

For the other tours he received discharges or he thinks they were called certificates shewing the tours of duty performed – these certificates he believes were sent to some office in Richmond. He was in the army two years and nearly six months. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person from length of time death and dispersion whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services

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 and year aforesaid                      [signed] Nicholas Burger