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Pension Application of Gideon Carr S3119

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State of Tennessee } S.S.

Dickson County }

This eighth day of October 1833 Gideon Carr aged 82 years old, a citizen resident of the County of Dickson personally appeared in open court before the circuit Court of s'd. County & being duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, towit, that he was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia on the 5th of November 1752 according to the Record kept by his father in his family bible which is yet in the possession of his family as he is informed & believes but which is not in his possession. That he continued to reside in the County of Albemarle until the commencement of the Revolutionary War – that he entered the service of the United States as a draughted militia man shortly after the Capture of Burgoins army [sic: Burgoyne's Army at Saratoga, surrendered 17 Oct 1777] the date he does recollect – the prisoners taken at the defeat of Burgoine were sent into the County of Albemarle [in Jan 1779] & barracks built for them & they were guarded by drafted militia men from Albemarle & the adjoining Counties – that he was drafted for a tour of two months duty & sent to the barracks in charge of a sarjant or some inferior officer & was placed under the command of Colo.[Francis] Taylor & Maj'r. [James] Wood who commanded the fort or barracks, he does not recollect the names of the inferior officers, he served the two months in discharge of that duty – he was again called upon for the performance of a second tour of two months in the same service which he performed under the same officers. After this the barracks was broken up & the prisoners sent away [Feb 1781] & he was again in the year 1781 called into the service as a drafted militia man for a tour of duty of two months in a company commanded by Capt. [Mark] Leake & in a Regiment commanded by Col Lindsley [sic: Reuben Lindsay] – we marched from Albemarle toward the Chesapeake bay below Richmond, when we reached James River I was detached with twenty five other men & placed under the command of Capt. Hamner & was marched up the river for the purpose of protecting & guarding the public stores that was sent up the River to be kept out of the way of the enemy, he continued in this service until his tour of two months expired when he was discharged – he believes this tour was performed in the Spring of 1781 – he was again drafted as a militia man in the same year to march against Cornwallis for a tour of two months duty & employed a man by the name of John Shackelford to perform the service in his place – said Shackelford took his place & marched with the United States troops to Little York where Cornwallis was taken, shortly after s'd. Shackelford returned & was paid by this applicant for the performance of his tour – he thinks he paid him \$250 in paper money when he started & paid him the same sum upon his return – having served the United States six months himself & two months by his substitute – he rec'd two discharges from Col Taylor & one from Capt. Hamner but never rec'd the discharge from his substitute – he believed them of no value after the war closed & they have been long since lost – he knows of no witnesses living by whom his services can be proven except his youngest brother Meekins Carr [pension application S8137] who saw him in the service & whose deposition accompanies this declaration as sent to him from Virginia – after the war closed he continued to reside in Albemarle until about ten years ago when he removed to Tennessee & settled himself in Dickson County where he still resides – he has never received a pension & is not on the agency of any state & he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the one provided by the act of 1832, he refers to William Gentry & John Davidson as witnesses of his character & veracity Sworn to & subscribed in open court

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