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Pension application of William Donaldson S31653

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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this 5th day of May in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting William Donaldson a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1778 he resided in Rutherford County North Carolina and in that year he entered the Militia service of the United States as a volunteer and private under Captain Benjamin Harden an officer of the Militia for a three months tour which term of service he states he performed when he entered the service he states he marched from his residence in North Carolina to the city of Augusta and from thence to the city of Savannah and from thence to a place called Stono in the State of South Carolina where he states he was in a considerable engagement with the British in the year 1779 he states that he entered the service in the Militia for a six months Tour but further states he did not serve but three months of the time in consequence of his having been arrested by the British. He states after he volunteered a second tour he states he marched from his residence in North Carolina to the City of Charleston where he was arrested. He further states that he does not recollect the names of the officers he volunteered under the second tour but recollects that Baldrige was the Lieutenant and that General Lincoln was Commander and Chief during both tours he performed he further states that he served six months in the Militia as a volunteer and private he further states that he knows of no person living who can testify as to his service he states that he never received but one discharge and that was under the hand of Captain Harden which has long since been destroyed. He states that he is acquainted with Nathan Williford, Willis Falkmen Daniel Goben and David McDow who resides in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution. He further states that during the service he performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He states he was born in the State of North Carolina in Hillsboro and on the 14th day of January 1762. He states he has no record of his age. He states he was living in Rutherford County North Carolina when called into Service. He states that since the war he has lived in North Carolina & South Carolina and now lives in the State of Georgia DeKalb County. He states that he volunteered in the Service. He states he does not recollect any of the regular officers who were with the troops but General Woodford he further states he never received but one written discharge that was under the hand of Captain Harden, he also states he received a parole from the British when they discharged him. This declarant further states that he has been unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman there being no clergyman

at court with whom he is acquainted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed this fifth day of May 1834.

S/ William Donaldson, D his mark

S/ Edward Jones, JIC

S/ John Dobbs, JIC

S/ John McCulloch, JIC

[James Lemon & Alfred B. Greenwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]