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Pension application of Archibald Daniel S32204

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State of Illinois Franklin County: SS

On this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Commissioners court of said County and State of Illinois now sitting, Archibald Daniel a resident now of Gallatin County in said State aged sixty-eight years last March, 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 seventh 1832 --

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in the month of March 1765. He resided in Surry County North Carolina when he went into the service of the United States. He entered the service as a substitute for one William Daniel who was drafted sometime in the first days of December 1781 for the term and time of three months all of which time he served before he left the said service. He was marched from Salem Surry County North Carolina where the company to which he belonged first rendezvoused, commanded by Captain William Hill of the militia. Thence towards Wilmington North Carolina until they came within several miles of the last mentioned place where they joined the headquarters of the Army commanded by General Reytherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford]. They were then organized into a Brigade under Colonel Smith [Robert Smith] and composed of Corps of Cavalry or mounted infantry – and kept there and thereabouts as a corps of guard for the protection of the Main Army -- for a month or six weeks -- during which time they went by a forced march in the vicinity of the Brick House [November 15, 1781]¹ near Wilmington North Carolina where the British and Tories were posted in conjunction & where they were taken by surprise just after daylight in the morning -- when an engagement took place between Colonel Smith's corps and the British and Tories who laid outside of the house, and pickets which was placed there for the protection of the house, when the British and Tories were defeated with some loss as well as some of the men under the command of Colonel Smith were killed to the number of four or five -- and some wounded of which latter number he was one, He received a wound on his left hand from a blow from a sword which wound disabled his hand and for the time but he has since recovered the use of it. He was then kept (together with the balance of Smith's command) in guarding the Main Army -- for the space of four or five weeks and reconnoitering the country -- and until the evacuation of Wilmington by the British and Tories to which place he was marched by command of the officers -- and when they got into Wilmington

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

General Rutherford was in possession of the same. He was then kept at that place (together with the balance of Smith command) for several weeks in guarding the Main Army. He was then (which was about the first of March 1782) discharged at Wilmington -- and in returning home, the fourth night after leaving the Main body he was together with five others taken prisoner by Major Elrod [John Elrod] a Tory commander and remained as such for one night and day and the next night after he was taken he made his escape from the Tories by taking one of their horses and riding him away and in his attempt to make his escape he was discovered by some of the Tories who had him in custody and fired a great many guns at him but none proving effective he made his escape. The above campaign is well known as the Rutherford's campaign to Wilmington.

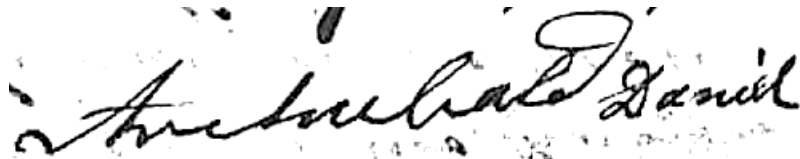
He being an aged man and his memory somewhat failing him he cannot recollect all the particular incidents nor does he deem it necessary to state all those little incidents which transpired during his services.

He does not recollect any of the names of the regulars with which he served. He was a native of Halifax County Virginia & from thence moved to Surry County NC where he lived during the time of his services. He then moved together with his father to Rutherford County North Carolina on the frontiers -- where the settlements were very much disturbed by the Indians and Tories for several years -- during which time he was employed in various scouting parties after the Indians and Tories -- To the number of 20 times off and on -- sometimes for one, two, three, & four weeks at a time. That he was never unattached to any regular corps except the one above described. Though he was engaged constantly in protecting the frontier settlements from the Indians & Tories -- He was engaged in that kind of desultory service for three years and was for one year at least in actual service. He went to Virginia after the expiration of these three years, and removed there for two years -- after which time he moved to Lincoln County Kentucky -- from thence to Tennessee, and from thence to Madison County Alabama and thence to Franklin County Illinois & thence to the adjoining County (Gallatin) in said State -- where he now lives.

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 He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim nor no person living by whom he can prove the same that he knows of.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archibald Daniel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archibald Daniel". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

[John Browning, a clergyman residing in Franklin County Illinois, and Robert Carr, of Washington County Illinois, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Franklin County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace Archibald Daniel who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades -- To wit: I served as a private (as substitute for William Daniel) three months

under the command of Captain William Hill. He commanded by Colonel Smith. After the expiration of the above specified three months he moved to Rutherford County North Carolina in the year 1782 -- In which year I was called in (together with all the adjoining neighbors) to go & route a body of Tories who had been murdering & plundering the peaceful citizens in the neighborhood. In this expedition I was under the command of Captain Collins [William Collins] & served for one month. The above described body of Tories was I think commanded by Foster. A short time after my return home from the last service I was again called out on a similar service as the last -- under the command of Captain Jourdan [Alexander Jordan] -- in which expedition I served for one month. I was again called out on a similar expedition under the command of Captain Kilgore in the year 1783 in which scout I was occupied three weeks. I was again called out under the command of Captain Collins for the purpose of routing a body of Indians who had committed some murders in the neighborhood & stolen some horses in which service I was occupied for one month -- I was again called out in the latter part of the year 1783 - - under the command of Captain Daniel to rout a body of Tories who had been committing some murders & stealing horses in the neighborhood in which service I was occupied for six weeks. The Tories I think were commanded by Cunnigin [sic, Cunningham?]. I was again called out in the same year under the command of Captain Daniel on a similar service to the last mentioned in which I was occupied two weeks. I was again called out in the spring of 1784 under the command of Captain Jordan to rout a body of Indians who had committed some murders &c in the country in which tour I was occupied for six weeks. I was again called out under the command of Captain Daniel to rout some Tories who were committing some depredations in the country in which service we overtook the Tories & killed three of their number. I was occupied in this last mentioned service for three weeks -- I was employed in similar service as the above but do not now recollect the particulars See note 1st [Note 1st : This affiant states that with the exception of the three months first described he was not regularly mustered in to any corps nor had he any other officers than the captains therein mentioned. But he acted as a spy guard to the frontier settlements ready to act on every emergency. He further states that he had a regular discharge when mustered out of the first three months but has lost or mislaid it or that he cannot procure it -- This affiant states that the reason he done he is business out of the County where he now lives is that it is more convenient to himself & his witnesses.]² The above described in service amounting in the whole to eleven months which I served as a private & for which service I claim a pension.

S/ Archibald Daniel

Sworn to & subscribed before me an acting justice of the peace in & for said County this fourth day of November 1833

S/ Thos. M. Dorris, JP

State of Illinois Franklin County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace of the County and State aforesaid Archibald Daniel, who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For three months I served as a private under Captain William Hill last of the year 1781 & in the first of the winter of 1782: For one month I served as a private under the command of Captain William Collins sometime in the

² Written in the left hand margin of the document.

summer of the year 1782: -- for one month I served as a private under Captain ___ Jourdan sometime in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall or of the year 1782. For three weeks I served as a private under Captain ___ Kilgore sometime in the spring of the year 1783: for one month I served as a private under Captain William Collins, sometime in the latter part of the spring or first of the summer of 1783, for which service I claim a pension. I had a record of my age in my father's Bible but I do not know what has become of it. I was born in Halifax County Virginia in the year 1765. I lived when first called into service in Surry County NC. I have since lived since the revolution in Halifax Virginia, Rutherford NC Lincoln Kentucky Ray [sic, Rhea] to Tennessee, Franklin Illinois & now living Gallatin County Illinois. I first went into service as a substitute for William Daniel: all the other times, I was neither drafted or enlisted, but volunteered every time. I have stated the names of all the regular & Continental officers that I recollect: that all the circumstances of my service that our matters of note & that I recollect -- for it was so broken, disconnected a service that I have a distinct recollection of particulars after Tories & Indians & so little transpired or was effected of note, that even if I recollected them they would not then to elucidate & confirm the history of my case. I got a written discharge from my first tour of service, but I have lost or destroyed it & do not know what has become of it. I have stated the names of persons in my name to whom I am known who can testify as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Archibald Daniel

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 28th day of February 1834

S/ Thos. M. Dorris, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]