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Pension application of Francis Roach S32494

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State of Illinois County of Madison

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of Madison County, now sitting, Francis Roach, a resident of said County of Madison and State aforesaid aged ninety-three 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 named officers, and served as herein stated (that is to say) That being a resident of Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina he entered the service of the United States in the month of April in the year 1776 as well as he recollects as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Sessions and Stephen Pipkin 1st Lieutenant. That his company was stationed at Wilmington in North Carolina with other companies under the command of Colonel Richard Caswell for a short time, who was afterwards succeeded in commanded by Colonel Bryant. That during the stay at Wilmington his company was frequently divided and a part detached to Brunswick at the mouth of the Cape Fear [River]. That he was in this service for 3 months.

And the said Roach further states that he removed to Dougherty Stationed near Danville Kentucky about the 1st of March 1780. That in the year 1781 he was out 3 several times for about a month at a time under Captain John Dougherty to guard the frontiers. That in the year 1782 he entered in the service under General George Rogers Clark in a company commanded by said Captain John Dougherty, James Brown 1st Lieutenant. That his said company crossed the Ohio River at the mouth at Leckeng [Licking River?] and proceeded to the Big Miami.

And the said Roach further states that he afterwards in the year 1786 entered into service under General Benjamin Logan in a company commanded by said Captain John Dougherty John French 1st Lieutenant. That his company crossed the Ohio at the mouth of Limestone, proceeded own age North course to the little Miami which they crossed and continued on the dividing ridge between the waters of the Miami & St. Johns rivers to Elliott's town & McGee's town. That he was out on the expedition under Clark about 7 weeks and on the expedition under Logan about 2 months.

And the said Roach further states that he was born in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the year 1739 -- that he has no record of his age -- that this record was once in possession of his brother now deceased, but he believes the same is not to be found. That after the revolutionary war he lived successively in the counties of Mercer, Lincoln, Washington and Livingston in the State of Kentucky until the year 1806 when he removed to the then County of St. Clair in the State of Illinois now County of Madison where he still resides. That he has no

documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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.

S/ Francis Roach, X his mark

[John Barber, a clergyman, and George Kinder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amended Declaration of Francis Roach of the County of Madison, in the State of Illinois

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in & for the County of Madison & State of Illinois Francis Roach, who being duly sworn deposeth 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 3 months I served as a private in North Carolina in the year 1776 as stated in my former declaration. For 3 months I served as a private in the 3 several tours one month each time, in guarding the frontiers, in Kentucky, in the year 1781, as mentioned in my former declaration. For 7 weeks I served as a private in 1782 as mentioned in my former declaration. For 2 months I served as a private in 1786 as mentioned in my former declaration -- in all 9 months & 3 weeks; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 7th day of May 1833.

S/ William E. Starr, JP

S/ Francis Roach, X his mark