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Pension Application of John Chambers S34686

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Territory of Missouri }

County of Saint Louis } [13 April 1819]

The Declaration of John Chamber's at present in St Louis – and an inhabitant of Lincoln County in the Territory aforesaid – made and taken before the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid now in Session it being the April Term thereof – and of which said Court, the Hon'ble. Nathaniel Beverly Tucker is Judge –

The said John Chambers being desirous of taking the benefit of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” approved March 18, 1818 comes into the aforesaid Court before the said Judge – and solemnly declares that he is now about Eighty years of age – that he is a native of Ireland and in the year 1767 left his native Country and came to Little York in the State of Pennsylvania; that in the year 1778 he entered as a private in the army of the United States in the Company of Capt Alexander Cummins in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia line then lying in Valley Forge – that he continued in the service – was in active service during the time of his being in the army – and continued until his regiment was consolidated with the 10th Regiment of said line [14 Sep 1778] – & he remained in the last Regiment until its term of service expired – which was near and about twelve months after he entered the service, the precise time to the month and day he cannot now recollect having had the misfortune to get his discharge burnt in his Cabin soon after his arrival in this Territory twenty __ years since – when he lost most of his perishable effects –

He further states that he is now very infirm from old age – that he has no property but a horse – that he is now living with and dependant on one his sons – but for whose kindness he should be a houseless, homeless stranger and a wanderer and therefore can with the utmost confidence freely declare that “by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his Country for a support” having never heretofore received any pension –

In further proof of his claim he begs leave to refer to the evidence of Alexander Clark hereunto annexed also to state further, that he was discharged as a private in the same Company then under Capt Whiteholt in the said tenth Regiment under the Command of Col William Wilson [sic: William Davies] –
[signed] John Chambers

Alexander Clark of the County of Saint Louis being duly sworn says that he is now fifty seven years of age – that in the year 1778 he served in the Company of Capt Robert Kirkwood in the Regiment of Delaware Blues attached to the Brigade of General Charles Scott in the United States Army – that while in that Service in the year 1778 he recollects well in serving with the within named John Chambers while they were at White Plains in the same army That he has known him ever since he came to this Country twenty – years ago – that he knows said Chambers Cabin was burnt as stated by him – and further he says not –
[signed] Alexander Clark

[On 6 April 1820 Chambers made an amended declaration stating that “by the mistake of the person who wrote the original declaration the name of Col ‘William Wilson’ was inserted by mistake for the name of Col William Davis”. The amended declaration also added the following: “That he was with his aforesaid Regiment at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] although his said Regiment was not immediately engaged in the Battle, being kept in reserve.”

