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Pension Application of Samuel Durosett S34778

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County of Claiborne

State of Mississippi SS: On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty Seven personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the first Judicial district in said state and Expressly made such by the Constitution and Laws of the State Samuel Durosett resident in said County, aged about sixty four years who being first duly Sworne according to Law – doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That he the said Samuel Durosett Listed for the Term of the Revolutionary War on the — day of June 1780 at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, in the fourth Troop or Company Commanded by Captain John Hughes [VAS1652] in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel Anthony Walton White [W6477] in the Line of the State of Virginia, in the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps till the End of the War when he was discharged from the service at Nelsons Ferry at Santee [at Eutaw Springs on Santee River] in June 1783 until further called for in the State of South carolina. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension except the present; that his name is not on the Roll of any State that he knows of and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension Viz – that untill late years he was a man of remarkably firm and enduring Constitution and well able to support himself by his manual Labour that a few years since he was much Injured by the fall of a Tree which still produces occasional Eruption from his Breast; that from said Injury he was prevented moving or Travelling far from his place of residence to seek relief either to his wound or from his Country and that ever since that injury untill lately he has been enabled to Live Comfortably on the Proceeds of his Labour and the assistance of a Kind friend the Son of a Brother Soldier in the Revolution: upon whose kindness and charity he is now in Consequence of his fast failing strength and Constitution quite dependant; that about four years since he made application to a [illegible word] of intelligence to prepare a declaration in order to obtain for him a Pension, but the difficulties apprehended from a want of strict Compliance with all the requisitions and forms prescribed by the Acts of Congress, and the humiliating declaration that he is almost a beggar detered him from urging his claim to the Pension intended for him and others who served in the Revolution but that he is now much enfeebled in Person and rapidly descending to that home wherein a soldier returns and in Persuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: that since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property – I have owned my present rifle Gun from 1783 upon which the Stock and Lock have been changed I have owned no Real Estate during the Last five, and Twenty Years or thirty Years, and my personal property during the same time has been a few dollars from time to time; as the same was acquired by my Personal Industry or the kindness of others Schedule of property belonging to Samuel Durosett – One Rifle Gun of value Twenty five dollars

Samuel hisXmark Durosett

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Samuel Durrsuth[?] Enlisted in the 1 Reg of light Dragoons in June 1780 & served til the 3 of Nov'r 1783 the Reg't was Commanded by Col'l when he enlisted & by Col'l Baylor [George Baylor W5966] when discharged  
signed J. Hughes [Jasper Hughes VAS 1649]  
Capt 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't L.D.

A Copy/ Philip Southall

I do Certify that Samuel Durossett Inlisted in the 1st Reg't of Dragoons to Sirve during the contest between Great Brittain and America  
Jasper Hughes Cor'd[?] 1st Reg't LD  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 1784

[other side of the above]

Chris Francis Soldier Arty from 20 Decem'r