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Pension Application of Edward Gerrish S34897

MD

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State of Maryland Cecil County ToWit.

Edward Gerrish, a Citizen of the United States of America, and at this time residing in Cecil County in the State of Maryland, Doth depose declare & say That he enlisted in June 1778 in Captain Henry Dobsons Company of Infantry, attached to the Sixth Regiment of the Maryland line, commanded by Col. [Otho Holland] Williams, that he continued in the said Company and Regiment until he was taken prisoner by the Enemy at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina [16 Aug 1780], from whence this Deponent was taken to Charleston, and then detained as a prisoner near a twelvemonth, when he was sent to James Town in Virginia and there exchanged, and was then attached to a Company of United States infantry commanded by Captain Pell in the said Sixth Regiment, in which he continued until the termination of the War, when he received an honorable discharge at Annapolis in the said State of Maryland from General [William] Smallwood, which said Discharge this Deponent hath long since lost or mislaid, and that this Deponent by reason of his extreme poverty and reduced circumstances needs the assistance of his Country for support, possessing no property of any kind whatsoever, and subsisting entirely upon the charity of others.

I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that Edward Garrish a private in Dobsons Company of the Sixth Reg't. Enlisted on 2nd June 1778 and was Discharged on 16th Aug't. 1780

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Auditor's Office Annapolis 6th June 1818.

State of Maryland Cecil County SS.

Be it Remembered that on this 15th day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and eighteen personally appeared before the undersigned Chief Judges of the Second Judicial district of the State of Maryland, Nicholas Milburne [Nicholas Milburn, pension application S35003], a Citizen of the United States, at present residing in Cecil County aforesaid, and the said Nicholas being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangel of Almighty God doth depose, that he is well acquainted with Edward Gerrish, an applicant for a pension, that the said Edward enlisted in the Revolutionary Army of the United States in the month of June in the year 1778 in Captain Henry Dobsons Company of Infantry attached to the 6th Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Williams, and that shortly after he enlisted he joined the main Army at a place called the Valley Forge in Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania, and continued in the said army until he was taken prisoner by the Enemy at the Hanging Rock in the state of South Carolina at Sumters Defeat [see endnote], and that he this Deponent served in the same Company & Regiment with the said Edward Gerrish, who in all respects served as a faithful Soldier from the time he entered the Service until he was taken prisoner: That this Deponent does not exactly recollect the time when he was discharged but believes it to have been about the end of the Summer of 1780. And that this Deponent knows the said Edward Gerrish to have been a Citizen of the United States residing in Cecil County from the time of his Birth up to this time; That the said Edward Gerrish is in very poor indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support having no means of subsistence except from the Charity of his Friends and others.

State of Maryland Cecil County ToWit.

On this Eleventh day of Septem'r. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the Second Judicial District of the State of Maryland proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in amount and keeping a Record of its proceedings Edward Gerrish aged Sixty Seven years resident in Cecil County in said district who being first duly sworn according to

Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; That he enlisted in the year 1778 at Elkton in Cecil County in said State in Capt. Henry Dobsons Company attached to the Sixth Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Williams, that he served in the said Regiment until he was taken Prisoner at the Battle of Camden that he was afterwards exchanged and served until the termination of the War when he received his discharge at Annapolis from Gen'l. Smallwood, which he hath since lost. That he was engaged in the Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], & was afterwards ordered to the Southward and was engaged in the Battle of Camden where he was taken prisoner; That he made a declaration in conformity to the Act of the 18th March 1818 in Cecil County Court on or about the 9th April 1818 and obtained a Pension under said Act his certificate being numbered 12.509. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 Revolutionary War passed on the 18th 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.

Schedule

no property of any kind whatever, except a Bed and Bedding, and his wearing Apparel. That he owes no debts, and has none owing to him That he is a Miller by Trade, but has been disabled by age & sickness being afflicted with a Rupture and infirmities from following his Trade or pursuing any Occupation or Business for many years. That he has no Family but one Daughter with whom he lives, who is aged upwards of Thirty years and is a Widow with one Child, and has no property but a few Household Goods.

Edward hisXmark Gerrish

NOTE: Gen. Thomas Sumter was defeated on 18 Aug 1780 at Fishing Creek SC about 15 mi W of the Hanging Rock.