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Pension Application of Clayborn (Claiborne) Davenport S35875

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Claiborne Davenport, a resident of Washington [County] in the State of Virginia, an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress “To provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” presented himself in court and stated upon oath that he entered the military service of the United States at an early period of the revolutionary war as a private soldier in the seventh regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment commanded according to the best of his present recollection by Colonel McClanihan [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] and that he belonged to the company in that regiment which was commanded by Captain Charles Fleming [of Chesterfield County]: that he served two years, the term for which he had enlisted: and again enlisted on the first day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, in the fifth regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment commanded by Colonel William Davies [BLWt597-500] and that he belonged to the company of Captain Mayo Carrington [VAS596]: that he served three years in this last mentioned regiment: that he was altogether five years in services, was engaged with the British enemy in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth courthouse [28 Jun 1778], and in the attack of Stony point [16 Jul 1779]: that he belonged to the troops which were in Charleston (South Carolina) when that place was surrendered to the enemy on the twelfth of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and was taken prisoner, but soon afterwards had the good fortune to escape, and joined the troops in Virginia as quickly as he could: that he is now in his fifty eighth year, has a family consisting of a wife and nine children who live with him: that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for his support.

Sworn to and declared before me June 1st 1818

Peter Johnston

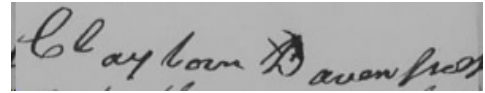
The said Claiborne Davenport exhibited in court a written discharge in the following words and figures to wit, “I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof Claiborne Davenport late a private soldier in my company of the fifth Virginia regiment of continental Infantry having enlisted to serve in the said regiment for the term of three years, has truly and faithfully served the said term which expired on the first day of December one thousand and seven hundred and eighty, and is thereby entitled to all immunities [amenities] allowed to three years soldiers. Given under my hand this nineteenth day of October 1781. Signed by Mayo Carrington Captain in the fifth Virginia regiment, and William Davies Colonel”

Washington County, in the State of Virginia

On this nineteenth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County of Washington, Claiborne Davenport aged sixty one years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted in the 7th Virginia Regiment and served therein about two years – was then attached to the 5th Regiment, where he remained until his discharge. The original declaration bears date on the first day of June 1818 and he has received a pension certificate No. 12,589 — And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the 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.

One old sorrel mare of the value of \$10. One black mare \$15. Two cows & one calf \$16. Two sows & five shoats \$6.00 One sheep 1 dollar – Cupboard ware \$2.00 pots & ovens \$4. in all \$54.00 —

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claiborne Davenport".

The said Claiborne Davenport further declares that he is by occupation a labourer and that from infirmity he is now unable to make a living by labour. His family consists of a wife aged forty [page damaged] a daughter Elizabeth aged 22 years – a son William aged 20 years – a daughter Patsey aged 19 years – a son Stephen aged 17 years – a daughter Rebecca aged 14 years – a daughter Polly aged 12 years – a son Claiborne aged 10 years – a son Lewis aged seven years and a daughter Jensey aged three years – in all nine children

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

I do hereby Certify that Claiborne Davenport Served as a Soldier in my Company in the fifth Virginia Regiment upwards of three years he having been enlisted for that term
Octo. 2^d 1783. M Carrington Capt. 5th V Reg't

NOTE: On 27 Sep 1839 Davenport applied to transfer his pension to Kentucky "That He might be with his children, who live in Wayne County Kentucky." Documents in the file indicate that the heirs of Claiborn Davenport received the pension due from the last regular payment on 4 March 1842 up to his death on 18 August 1842.