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Pension Application of James Arbuckle S37683

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State of Kentucky Bracken County – S.S.

On this 21 day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Bracken County Court now sitting, James Arbuckle a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged 72 years in May next, 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 about the first of September in the year 1780 he and his brother David Arbuckle entered into the service of the United States as volunteers for three months in Prince Edward's [sic: Prince Edward] County, Virginia. He states, that they served their three months tour in the first Regiment of the Virginia Militia, commanded by the following officers, viz, Lieut. James Allen, Capt. Charles Allen, Col. John Hauleven and General Robert Lawson. That he and his brother David, received their discharge on the 5 day of December 1780 by Capt. Charles Allen, a short distance above Petersburg Via. which discharge is in writing, signed by said Captain, and will accompany this declaration. That shortly after his return home, from Camp; it was believed, that Cornwallis with his army was approaching towards the state of Virginia, and this applicant was with many others drafted for a tour of three months, in Prince Edwards county, Virginia. He again entered the service of the United States and served three months under the following named officers, to wit, Lieut. Henry Purnell, Capt. John [one or more words apparently missing at end of page]

The same Col. and Gen'l. aforesaid. The company was immediately marched from said county, down near Williamsburg on the North side of James River, while we were there stationed, Cornwallis made his appearance in Virginia [8 May 1781]. That the company to which said James belonged, remained the whole three months near Williamsburg, and about the end of the tour his Capt. John Purnell was, by accident, shot through the left arm, into the body, of which, he died in a few days after. The said James, states, that he was, after some delay, discharged by Lieut. Henry Purnell. This discharge was in writing, which he saw among his papers not more than 12 or 18 months ago, but having made diligent search, can not now find it. He further states, that he was drafted a second time, and that he served another three months at the Court House in Prince Edwards county in the summer of 1781, under the following named officers, Lieut. Martin Smith, Capt. Henry Leptner (or Lepner), who were then stationed for three months, at said Court House which was used as a kind of Ware House, from which waggons were daily passing and repassing with provisions for the United States army. That the Court House was a place of very great deposit, during the whole summer, and in fact til the close of the Revolutionary War. That the company remained at the court House aforesaid, til a short time before the close of the war, when he with others were discharged, he having served three months. He further states, that he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove any part of his services rendered as aforesaid, but declares positively, that he did serve nine months as a private in the service of the United States as above mentioned, in the years 1780 and 1781 for which service he claims a pension. He also states, there is no Clergyman now residing in his neighborhood, they having lately moved out, some to the State of Indiania.

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.

[signed] James Arbuckle

Questions by the Court.

- 1st. Where and in what year were you born? An'r. I was born in Prince Edwards County, Va. in the year of 1761 or 1762.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? An'r. I have none.
3. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war,

and where do you now live? An'r. I lived in Pince Edwards county Virginia, where I remained for a few years after the war had closed: I then moved to N. Carolina and remained there for about two years, then I moved into Kentucky, Madison County, where I lived for several years, then I moved to Fayette [sic: Fayette] county, and from there to Mountgumery [sic: Montgomery] county, from there to Clarke [sic: Clark] county from there to Bracken county where I now live and have for the last fifteen years, having resided for several years in each of the counties af'd. in this state.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

An'r. I was never a substitute – the first three months I was a voluntier, the 2^d & 3^d three months I was drafted in Prince Edwards county Virginia.

5. State the names of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

an'r. I do not recollect any other names of the officers at this time than those above given.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it. An'r. I received three discharges, one of which is here to the court shown, the other two I have lost or mislaid them so that I can not find them. I recollect distinctly of have one of them in my hands not more than a year ago which I have since lost or mislaid it some where so that I can not now find it although I have made diligent search for it. the first I received of Capt. Charles Allen, the 2^d I received of my Lieut. Henry Purnel – the 3^d of Capt. Henry Leptner (or Lephner).

7. State the names of persons to whom you are know in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for varacity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolutionary.

An'r. William Chalfant, P. R. Rice, Michael Daugherty, Hall Young, Purnell B. Reddin, Thomas Spooner, John Redden, John Young & Philip Daugherty and James H. Murry

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This is to Certifie that James & David Arbuckle Volenteers in my Cop'y of the 1st Reg't hath serv'd their time faithfully & are hereby discharg'd from s'd service Given under my hand this 5th day of Dec'r.

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Cha's. Allen [illegible] Reg't