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Pension Application of Ephraim Hearn S38020

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Gloucester County S.S.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county aforesaid having Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, the power of fine and imprisonment and keeping a record of its proceedings. Ephraim Hearn a man of colour resident in said county aged eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> march 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> may 1820; that he the said Ephraim Hearn was drafted as a soldier in the said county of Gloucester in the state of Virginia the day and year he does not now recollect. that he marched in a company under the command of Capt. Callahil Mennis [Callohill Minnis] to the Northward to the Valley Forge and after serving eighteen months in the said company the term for which he was drafted, he then enlisted at the said Valley Forge on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1778 for and during the term of the war in a company commanded by Capt. Robert Payne in the first Virginia regiment under the command of Colo. Burgess Ball [Burgess Ball]. that in a few months afterwards he marched to the Southward and continued to serve in the said regiment until the taking of Charleston in South Carolina [12 May 1780] where he was taken prisoner by the British remained in that place about nine months and was then carried by the British from thence to New York city; that in a few months after his arrival there he made his escape from that place and returned to the said county of Gloucester in Virginia where he remained until the end of the war never having been exchanged – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the pension roll of any state except Virginia and that he has before made application for a pension [not found] but has never received anything in consequence as he apprehends of there being some irregularity in presenting his claim.

And in pursuance of the act of 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 annexed and by me subscribed to wit One cow one yearling, five hogs, three chairs, one old table a spinning wheel and an Iron pot – my occupation is weaving which I am now unable to pursue. my family now residing with me consists of two persons to wit my wife and one daughter – Molly my wife I think and believe is more than sixty years old and not able to contribute anything of consequence to our support. Betsy my daughter is about twenty years of age and the only one of my family that is able to do anything – that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of march 1818 no change has been made in my property

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