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Pension application of William Linn S38915

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State of Tennessee Maury County

On this eleventh day of March 1830, personally appeared in open Court (the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County of Maury, and being a Court of record, so made by act of Assembly of this State), William Linn, resident in said County of Maury, aged about seventy-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 18th of March 1818, and of the 1st of May 1820: that the said William Linn enlisted for the term of eighteen months, the time of enlistment, declarant recollects to be before the attack on Sullivan's Island, as he was then on duty, guarding the coast, he would therefore state some time previous to June 1775, in the State of South Carolina, York County, in the company commanded by Captain William Brown, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the land Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his said term of service expired, when he was discharged from the Service in the State of South Carolina, on the Santee River, near as well as declarant recollects, one Thompson's ferry: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; and that his name is not on the roll of any State, except South Carolina, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that declarant previous to his becoming a cripple, was able by industry, and what little property he then possessed, to support himself tolerably comfortable, then about 5 years since he became a cripple by a fall, and that ever since he has continually been getting more and more infirm, until at present he is able to get about alone on his crutches, that declarant previous to his removal to the County of Maury, had been a resident of Fentress County of this State, where he had no means of proving by any person, acquainted with him in the service the facts of his enlisting & serving as here stated -- that he has but lately he found the witness George Gill,<sup>1</sup> whose statement he has procured, proving the above facts of his enlisting and service and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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. Declarant states that he has never been married, and of

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<sup>1</sup> [George Gill S38726](#)

course no family, to whom he could look for support, that he is now and has been ever since he came to this County, living with some relations and upon their charity. Declarant has no occupation, and if he had any, is too unable, from his infirm state to pursue any, by which he could support himself. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property -- declarant must here be permitted to say, that so long has been the time from the said 18th of March, that the statement made the incorrect: the feebleness of memory at so advance than age must be his apology --

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| <p>Description of property say about 3 head of horses worth about \$200, no land, nor any property of any value to declarant, as well he recollects</p> | <p>Disposition of the same<br/>Declarant states that the property mentioned was all the property he had from that time until he was cripple, that then he became unable to work, one of his sources was stolen from him, which he has never been able to regain, one other he sold for the purpose of supporting himself, and that the one now in his possession was foaldd his own, &amp; has continued in his possession ever since</p> |
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Declarant is unable to account, certainly for the other horse, of which he thinks he was possessed on the 18th of March 1818, but supposes he must have traded, and some way not now recollected, since the became a cripple, declarant has required all his resources to support himself, & supposes that his one went in that way --

Sworn to and declared on the 11th of March before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

A schedule of the property of William Linn, an applicant for a pension, which is now in his possession, viz. one Sorrell horse, aged about 8 years, which has had one of his legs broken, not exceeding in value at the highest price \$30

Declarant has no real property, or other personal property, then some few articles of clothing –

S/ William Linn

[Attested by Thomas J. Porter, Clerk]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 8, 1830.]