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Pension Application of Bartholomew Ragan (Ragin) S39032

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Virginia Augusta County to wit.

Bartholomew Ragan this 12th day of March 1818, appeared before me John Brown Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery holden in Staunton, in the said County of Augusta, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists that on the 7th of March in the year 1777 he enlisted with John McGuire, whose company was afterwards commanded by Cap. Thomas Bell of the 16th Virg'a. Regiment, on Continental establishment, then commanded by Col. [William] Grayson, for the term of three years. That he was wounded at the taking of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY] on the 16th July 1778 [sic: 1779], but continued in the service till the end of his term; when he was honorably discharged. That he afterwards, in the year 1780, enlisted, for eighteen months, with the said Cap. Bell, in the (he believes) 8th Reg't. commanded by Col. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes]; was marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina, and was severely wounded at the battle of Hobkirk's hill near Cambden, on the 25th or 26th of April 1781 [sic: near Camden SC, 25 Apr]. He farther states he still remained in the service, notwithstanding his wounds, till the expiration of his time, and was again honorably discharged. Both of his discharges are now worn out, or so defaced as not to be intelligible. He farther swears, that having still a good constitution, & being able, notwithstanding his wounds (the effects of which he still feels) to support himself by his labor; he never applied for a pension, & never has had one. That he returned to the afores'd. County of Augusta (where he as ever since resided) and married. That his wife is now dead; and all his children have left him, & removed to distant parts of the Country. He is now very old (being about eighty years of age) is poor, having nothing but his own labour to depend on for subsistence – and that he is really in want of the assistance of his Country for support.

Bartholomew Ragan was A Regular Soldier for three years with me under Capt. Thos. Bell attached to the 16th Va Regiment Commanded By Collonel Grason and was also wounded at the taking of Stony point fort on the 16th July 1778 he served three years and Returned home with me in March in the year 1780 Given under my hand this 13th March 1818 [signed] Abel Armstrong [pension application S2039]

State of Virginia Augusta County, to wit,

On this 27th day of July 1820, in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Augusta, (in which proceedings are had according to the course of the common Law, (which has unlimited jurisdiction within the said County, has the power of fine and imprisonment; and has all its proceedings duly registered) personally appeared Bartholmew Ragan aged about Eighty seven years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law; on his oath declared that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in Winchester Virginia on the 7th day of March 1777 with Capt John McGuire, that he was then marched to Dumfries, and there attached to the 16th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colo. John Grayson [sic], that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmouth Courthouse [28 Jun 1778], at the taking of Stony point, where he was severely wounded, and that he was discharged at Frederick Town in Maryland, on the 17th of March 1780, that he again enlisted with Capt James Bell in Staunton in Virginia in the month of September 1780 and was thence marched to Hillsbrough in North Carolina and attached to the 8th Regiment commanded by Colo Hawes that he was in the Battles of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] and Cambden, in which last Battle he was severely wounded in the neck and that he was discharged in the month of February 1782. He has already made a declaration under the Act of Congress, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 the date of which declaration he does not recollect; his pension certificate is dated the 27th day of April

1818. And the said Bartholomew Ragin in open Court doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. that he has no family but himself, and is unable from age & infirmity to labour; — Schedule — "Two pewter plates, Two earthen plates, 1 Pot & oven 1 chair 1 Bench 1 old table 1 small horse. (Signed) Bartholomew hisXmark Ragin

NOTE: A document in the file states that Ragan died 3 Dec 1824.