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Pension Application of John Coppage S39363

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State of Kentucky }

Pendleton County }

On this the 17 Day of Augt. 1818 Before the County Court of Pendleton County State afores'd appeared John Coppage aged Sixty Seven years resident of pendleton County & State afs'd. who being first Duly Sworn according to Law Doth on his oath Make the following Declaration in order to obtain The provision Made By an act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for Certain persons Engaged in the Land & Naval Service of The united States in The Revolutionary war to wit

That He the sd. John Coppage was Enlisted in The Service of The united States as a common Soldier in Foquire [sic: Fauquier] County Virginia in the year 1777 as well as he remembers for the term of two years under the Command of Capt John Ashby of Goose creek and then Marcht to Williamsburgh [sic: marched to Williamsburg] Capt Asby was of the third Virginia Reigment Commanded By Colns Joseph weeden & Thos marshal [sic: George Weedon and Thomas Marshall] [the following words are interlined in the following sequence; see endnote: "& whose (illegible word) was New York Island and (one or two illegible words) wound the Major of the Regt was (illegible) Leach who was wounded at"] after waiting a small time at Williamsburgh was marcht to Alexandria & were then Marcht to New York to fort washington and there Joind General walfords [sic: William Woodford's] Brigade was in a battle in york Island where the major of the Regt [page ends]

that he was marcht from there to kings Bridge & Continued in the same Brigade till his term of two years Expired that he then Enlisted at Fort Washington near the City of New York in the Same Brigade & same Regt – under Capt Payten [sic: either John Peyton or Valentine Peyton], Col. Heath [sic: William Heth] then commanded the Regt. for the term of three years & then obtained a furlow for three months But being sick Did nothing till four months at which time he returned to his Duty. he Continued about Eighteen months able to Do Duty when from hears & colds he was taken with pains & swellings in his Body & limbs that after Considerable trial had been Made to Cure him through the Interposition of the Doctor that had attended him he obtaind a Discharge from General wolford that after some time at Fort Washington, Col. Heath still com'd the Regt. & Capt Patten his Comp'y. the Disorder appeared to terminate in his left Shoulder in a prodegius Swelling and Broke which has almost taken the use of his left arm and is still Subject to pains and at times is Not able to help himself and that from [the following interlined: "that he has lost his discharges &c."] his Debilitated State & reduced Circumstances he stands in Need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

Virginia Lee County to wit.

On this 27th day of July 1824 personally appeared in open Court, being a County Court of record for the County aforesaid John Coppage aged about sixty eight 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 act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That the said John Coppage enlisted as a private soldier for the term of two years in the year 1777 (as well as he now recollects) in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, in the Company Commanded by Captain John Ashley in the regiment Commanded by Colonel Joseph Weeden, or Colonel Thomas Marshall, or according to his recollection at this time by both of them, Being the 3rd. Regiment of the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That fro Fauquier, he was marched first to Williamsburg Virginia, from there to Alexandria & thence to Fort Washington near the City of New york and joined the Brigade Commanded by General Woolford. That he was in a Battle on York Island, where the major of his regiment, whose

name was Leech was wounded and died of his wound a few days after the Battle. That he was afterwards to Kingsbridge & back to fort Washington where he was discharged at the expiration of his term of service. That he again enlisted as a private soldier in the same brigade & same regiment at fort Washington after his first discharge in the Company Commanded by Captain Peyton, the regiment being then Commanded by Colonel Heath for the Term of three years. That in the Second enlistment he continued to serve about eighteen months a part of which time he was very sickly and finally from heats and colds, he was taken with swellings in his limbs and body which seemed to baffle the skills of the doctors who attended him and he was discharged for inability to render further service at about the expiration of eighteen months from his enlistment at Fort Washington, Capt. Peyton at the time of his discharge still Commanding his Company and Col. Heath his Regt. some time after his discharge his disorder seemed to settle in his left shoulder and arm and after swelling prodigiously, broke and continued for a long time a running sore, and almost deprived him of the use of his left arm & shoulder, and which disability still continues, that arm & shoulder being entirely disabled. That he has otherwise ever since been much subject to pains, & at times ever since unable to help himself in any way. That he has long since lost his discharge for his said services and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than his own oath.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st. May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, 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 one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 whatever having nothing that I can render a schedule, the only property that I possess being the clothes on my back & they coarse and scanty. The declarant also stated on oath, that his only occupation when he was able to pursue it was that of a farmer. That from his age and disability he is now unable to earn a support for himself and that he is dependant on the charity of his Country or his fellow Citizens for the same. That he has no family whatever living with him nor any one whom he can look to for support. That he made a declaration before the Court of Pendleton County, in the State of Kentucky on the 17th of August 1818 for the same servises which declaration was returned to him from the war office endorsed "Further evidence of service necessary – The evidence of two credible witnesses, or a Cert. from the Officer of the Corps he served in will suffice" this evidence he is unable to procure and if the Rolls of the army will not shew his service he must remain in want. In this declaration, however he has set out the terms of his enlistment more particularly with a better reference to the Officers commanding his Corps and he hopes the army register will supply whatever other evidence is necessary

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[On 25 May 1825 Coppage made another application that is identical in substance to the above.]

NOTES:

The first interlined passage probably refers to Andrew Leitch, who was Captain in the 3rd Va. Regiment, promoted to Major in the 1st Va. Reg. on 18 Mar 1776, and who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Harlem Heights NY on 16 Sep 1776.

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists John Copage/ age 29/ height 5' 9"/ light hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ blacksmith/ born and residing in Fauquier County. Enlisted 20 Jan 1782 for three years. Sized on 7 Feb 1783.

On 21 July 1826 Coppage applied for a new copy of his pension certificate to replace the original, which he lost in Wallen Creek in Lee County.

A note on Coppage's pension certificate indicates that he died on 7 Feb 1834.