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Pension Application of Francis Dyer S39476

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Virginia

Lunenburg County Sct,

On this 13th day of February 1832, personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record) for said County Francis Dyer resident in said County, aged Seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; that he the said Francis Dyer enlisted for the term of three years about August or September in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain William Murray in the regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison in the line of the state of Virginia one the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about August or September 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Williamsburg in the state of Virginia; That he afterwards re-enlisted for the remainder of the war, about July 1780 in the state of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Capt Gunn in the regiment Commanded by Colo. Wm. M. White [sic: probably Capt. James Gunn in the 1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons commanded by Col. Anthony Walton White] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in that regiment until the summer of 1780 when his arm being disabled he remained at home on furlough until the end of the war; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except the state of Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, ie. that it has only been lately that he stood in absolute need of it. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 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 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property ie. that in the year 1824 I sold about 105 acres of land which I owned in Dinwidde [sic: Dinwiddie] County va and some hogs and horned Cattle that I then bought 123 acres of land in Lunenburg County and a stock of hogs and horned cattle. that I then sold the tract of 123 acres and with the proceeds bought 100 acres more on the said County, that in the year 1829 I gave a Deed of Trust on my land, my stock of hogs & horned cattle my furniture &c being all that I owned, in order to secure a debt which I owed to John Maddox for necessaries furnished me and my family and that they are all sold under this Deed of Trust.

Schedule of property owned by Francis Dyer except necessary Clothing and bedding, viz,

With regard to the schedule required, I declare that I have nothing in the world except necessary Clothing & bedding my househould furniture being lent to me by two of my neighbours.

Brunswick County State of Virginia S.S.

The affidavit of John H Claiborne to be used as a proof of the military services of Francis Dyer in the Revolutionary War in the line of the State of Virginia upon the Continental establishment. This affiant saith that in conversation with the officers of the continental line of the Revolutionary War with whom he was personally well acquainted, he frequently heard them speaking of Francis Dyer (with regard to his poverty) with pity saying he deserved a better fate, for that he made a good and faithful soldier in the

Revolution, and that he has seen them meet him and recognize him as an old soldier and enter into conversation with him about the scenes of the Revolution which they had seen together, in all which conversation they spoke of Dyer as a brave soldier

Question. Do you recollect the names of the officers to whom you have had reference?

Ans. Yes. Erasmus Gill [Captain, Col. Stephen Moylan's Dragoons], John Fitzgerald, & Buller Claiborne [Captain, 2nd Virginia Regiment of Foot] and further this affiant saith not. Subscribed this 22 day of February 1832

John H Claiborne

NOTE: The file includes copies of deeds to the following properties in Dinwiddie County sold on 23 Oct 1822 by Francis Dyer and Elisabeth his wife, who relinquished dower rights: 51½ acres on the north side of Namozine Road and 77 acres on the south side of Namozine Road. A letter accompanying the application states that Dyer was "perfectly temperate" and had "a family of five or six to support."