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Pension Application of William Foster S39534

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Virginia towit

Be it Remembered, that at a Court continued and held for the County of Nicholas at the Court house thereof on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1826 – William Foster appeared in open Court and produced the following Declaration (towit)

Virginia Nicholas County towit – on this tenth day of May 1826 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record constituted as such by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the said County of Nicholas; William Foster resident in said County, aged 65 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. that he the said Foster enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt. Peter Grant in the Regiment commanded by \_\_\_ [Col. William Grayson] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps for about six months from his enlistment, when he together with the Company in which he first elisted were transfered to the Third Virginia Regiment under Capt John Kirk. that he continued to serve in said third Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Guess (alias Gess) [sic: Nathaniel Gist] under General [William] Woodford, that he marched to the White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA] Camp, near Germantown, that he was at Stony point, tho not not engaged in the Battle [16 July 1779] and at the Seige of Charlestown [Charleston], South Carolina, where he was wounded and taken prisoner of War by the enemy [12 May 1780], and remained a prisioner for 22 months, at which time he was Exchanged, that he was honourably discharged from s'd Third Virginia Regiment by Ensign \_\_\_ Hamilton at Jamestown, Virginia, that has since lost his discharge in the City of Baltimore, and consequently cannot produce it, and that he is without any other proof of his services in the Revolutionary war, Except his own oath, that he hereby relinquishes any Claim whatever to a Pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and the following are the reasons for not making Earlier application for a Pension, is that he has heretofore been able through his industry to accumulate as much as would support him and that he has not been in possession of any property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, except what would support him from time to time by a continuance of industry, and in Persuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I the said Wm. Foster 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 person 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. I have no property either real or personal of any discription whatever except my wearing apperal and a Shot Gun. I never was married and have no family; by the infirmity of old age and the rheumatism and other diseases common to old people, I am unable to contribute to my own suport. I was not raised to any trade, but have pursued when able the Business of making Post and Rail fence

Sworn to and Subscribed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1826 before the County Court of Nicholas aforesaid

Wm. Foster