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Pension Application of Silas P. Wooton S40730

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State of Kentucky

Lawrence county court Sct

Be it remembered that at a court held at the Court House in said county on Monday the 16 January 1826 present Thomas Thompson Joel Stratton & Richard Chambers Gentlemen Justices composing said court, Silas P Wooton an old revolutionary soldier preferred in open court his original declaration and schedule thereto annexed to obtain the provisions by the acts of Congress providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary War which is in the following words and figures to wit,

Lawrence County Kentucky Soc't. on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1826 personally appeared in open court this being a court of record it being made so by the laws of this State it being solemnly adjudged to be such by the other tribunals of this state Silas P Wooton a resident in said county aged sixty seven years who being 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Silas P Wooton enlisted in Halifax County in the State of Virginia for the term of one year in captain Bowyer company in 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Col Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on continental establishment on [blank] day of January 1780. [See endnote.] That he continued to serve in said corps until after the Battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and he continued to serve in said army upwards of three months after the expiration of his said term of enlistment, which was one year. that he was in March 1781 in the Battle of Guilford that he was afterwards honourably discharged by Col Campbell in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina on the first of April 1781 that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Kentucky and that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension (Viz) he never has been able until a few months since to procure evidence of his services that he has been always too poor and infirm to travel to where he could here of any person that he served with to procure the evidence in order to prove his services.

and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

(Viz) five plates six Knives & forks & six spoons one pott worth in all not exceeding five Dollars

Silas P Wooton

The following changes has been made in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. at that time I had one horse which has since died at that time I had one cow & calf the cow got killed by a horse and the calf soon afterwards died I have been ever since entirely dependent on the charity of my friends for support that my family consists of my wife only namd Phebe aged 61 years that my occupation has been that of a country school master but from age & infirmity & loss of sight I am unable to pursue it

Silas P Wooton

[Anthony Hall (pension application W1764) and Thomas Lovelady (W8065) deposed that they knew that Wooton served as he stated.]

[Wooton made the following deposition in support of pension application R9767 of James Smith. Note the contradictions between this and the above declaration.]

State of Kentucky. Lawrence County to Wit

Personally appeared before the subscriber to the undersigned certificate, a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Silas P. Wooton, a Citizen of this County and being duely sworn according to Law, deposeth as follows. That in the month of March 1780 he enlisted at a place called Boyds ferry on the Roanoke river in Virginia into the 7th Regement of Virginia Militia [sic] on the line establishment, commanded by Colonel Campbell, and there became acquainted with Lieutenant John Smith, who he was informed had been in the service for a considerable time, remembers said Smith was appointed adjutant & inspector in said regement, & he the deponent served in the company of Captain Boyer and with Lieutenant Smith at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] at what place deponent was wounded and was there left to be conveyed with the baggage when the Regement marched back to Virginia; and your deponent was left at Salisbury [NC] and did not see Leutenant Smith afterwards, until lately. and further saith not

[signed 20 Nov 1834] Silas P Wooton

NOTES:

Lt. Col. Richard Campbell commanded the Virginia Continental Brigade, which included a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Bowyer.

On 4 Sep 1844 Wooton's pension was transferred to Ohio. A note on the pension certificate states that he died 25 Feb 1846.