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Pension application of Henry Lotz S40950

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Pennsylvania Berks County

On the 8th day of February A.D. 1819 Before me James Diemer Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appeared Henry Lotz of Exeter Township County aforesaid aged upwards of fifty-three years, who being by me duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he enlisted in the Borough of Reading of aforesaid, in a Company commanded by Captain Joiner [John Joiner], in the year 1781, that he marched in said Company to the City of Philadelphia and there was put on the Ship called *South Carolina*,<sup>1</sup> that his ship and crew were taken prisoners by the British in sight of New York lighthouse that he among the rest of the Prisoners was put on Board the prison ship called "*Olde Jersey*" that he was kept and treated as a prisoner of War, until released at the close of the War, that from the time of his enlistment, until released was upwards of one year, that during his imprisonment he suffered very much, that he has not received any Pension under the Laws of the United States and that he is in indigent Circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Henry Lotz

S/ Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Jas. Diemer

On the \_\_\_ day of February 1819 personally came Henry Lotz the claimant above named who upon

Berks County

On the 8th day of February A.D. 1819 Before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County personally appeared George Merkel<sup>2</sup> of the Borough of Reading County of Berks aged upwards of sixty years, and Michael Spatz<sup>3</sup> of the same place aged upwards of fifty-three years, who upon their solemn oath doth depose and say that they are well acquainted with Henry Lotz, the applicant that he is the same Henry Lotz who served on board the ship *South Carolina* as mentioned in his application that he is in indigent circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about this ship, see: Lewis, James A., *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio, Kent State University Press, 1999.

<sup>2</sup> FPA S9407. In his own application for a pension, however, Merkel does not claim to have served on the *South Carolina*.

<sup>3</sup> [Michael Spatz S3957](#)

S/ George Merkel

On the 19th day of February A.D. 1819 personally appeared Michael Spatz of the Burl of Reading a credible witness who upon his oath according to law doth depose & say that the within named Claimant Henry Lotz served on the Ship *South Carolina* in a company Commanded by Captain Joiner who was attached under the Command of Commodore Gillen<sup>4</sup> and that this deponent served on the same Ship.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Diemer

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

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<sup>4</sup> [Alexander Gillon W25629](#)