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Pension application of Francis Quarles S4655

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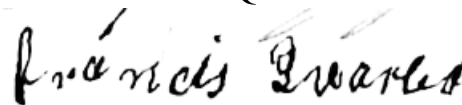
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State of Tennessee Knox County: On this 9th Day of February 1833 personally appeared before me Benjamin McNutt and [sic] acting Justice of the Peace for said County Francis Quarles a citizen of said County aged nearly eighty-one years who having been sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- that he was born in Goochland County, Virginia, on the 7th day of February 1752, where he lived until he was about 16 years old when he moved to Cumberland County Virginia where he lived about two years when he moved to Prince Edward County Virginia where he lived a year or two when he moved to Pittsylvania County Virginia, where he lived at the commencement of the revolutionary war during his whole continuance and afterwards for five or six years -- he states that sometime about or shortly after the commencement of the war he entered the service of the United States -- he states that he enlisted into the 2nd Virginia Regiment of Minute men as a private, for a term of eighteen months, into a company commanded by Captain Thomas Dillard, and Lieutenant Joseph Roberts -- which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Morgan -- Applicant states that his Regiment rendezvoused at the same place where he enlisted, at Murdoch's old store in Pittsylvania County, and marched from there to Petersburg where it was stationed several weeks, and then marched to Richmond and from there to Cobbham [sic, probably Cobham Wharf in Surry County, Virginia] on York River, from there to James town, from there to Gloucester Courthouse, having remained at each of the above places a few weeks, from Gloucester Courthouse we then marched, as we were ordered, back to Cobbham, and thence to James town, and from there to Gloucester Court house where applicant and his Regiment was discharged -- Applicant states that the main object of this marching and countermarching was to prevent the enemy from landing -- he states that some of the enemy landed at Jamestown, but were driven off by his Regiment -- he states this is the only time he came in contact with the enemy while in this service -- he states that he fell in company with some of the Continental troops at Jamestown Williamsburg and perhaps some other places, while in this service but he does not recollect who were their officers -- he states that his Regiment was not of the Continental or Regular troops, but were militia he believes under some peculiar organization -- he states that he was under arms in actual service the whole eighteen months for which he had entered the service except about twenty days when he obtained a furlough to go home -- he states that he got a written discharge from his Colonel, Morgan, at the time his term of service expired -- he states that he has long since lost his discharge -- Applicant states that sometime after this campaign, it may be several years, he volunteered to serve as a private, under Captain Gabriel Shelton, and Lieutenant Crispin Shelton, he thinks in February or March he was enrolled, and marched by what route he does not now recollect, through North Carolina, into South Carolina, and joined a Regiment under the

command of Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] a few days before his defeat -- he states that he was at the battle there and pretty soon afterwards joined the Main Army under General Gates and was with him at the time of his defeat near Camden, after this defeat applicant returned home having served nearly six months -- Applicant states that in February or March afterwards he again volunteered into a company commanded by the same Captain Shelton and marched directly towards Guilford N. C. near which place and but a few days before the battle there, he joined the Brigade under General Stephens [sic, Brigadier General Edward Stevens] -- he states that at the time of the battle he was put out to guard the baggage and was not in the battle -- he states that shortly after the battle there, he returned towards home and was discharged -- Applicant states that sometime after this he again volunteered and marched to the siege of York and was there at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis, after this Applicant went two or three days as a guard to the prisoners towards Winchester and was then discharged and went home -- he thinks he was about three months gone in this campaign, but has entirely forgotten who were his officers -- he states that his impression always has been, and now is, that he served four years in the Revolutionary war, but on account of his great age and great bodily infirmity he cannot detail the different campaigns which make up that service -- Applicant states that he was with the Regular Army at several times and places but he cannot recollect what Regiments they were or who were their officers -- he recollects of seeing Generals Washington, Greene, Lafayette and several others -- he states that he believes he obtained a discharge at the expiration of each of his campaigns but he has lost them -- he states that he has a record of his age in a family Bible now in possession of his son -- he states that he moved from Pittsylvania County four or five years after the war to Henry County Virginia where he lived a few years, when he moved to Wythe County Virginia where he lived several years, when he moved to Jefferson County Tennessee where he lived about ten years, when about ten years ago he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he now lives and has lived for ten years -- he states that the individuals in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and the reputation of his military services are John Canada, Wesley Huffacre, John Underwood, Peter Smith, Lewis Simpson & applicant states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, he hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & describe before made this 9th Day of February 1833
S/ Ben. McNutt, JP

S/ Francis Quarles



[John Kennedy¹ and Peter Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Knox County: Personally appeared before me Benjamin McNutt an acting Justice of the Peace for said County, Francis Quarles who signed the foregoing declaration, and who being sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the following periods, and always as a private --

For one year and six months I served as a private in Captain Dillard's Company of minute

¹ I suspect that the man identified above as John Canada is the same as John Kennedy who gave the standard supporting affidavit.

men, with the exception of twenty days which I was on furlough -- For five months and fifteen days I served as a volunteer, private in a company commanded by Captain Gabriel Shelton -- For two months as a volunteer private, under the same Captain Shelton -- For two months and fifteen days as a volunteer private, when he marched to the siege of Yorktown, but he cannot remember who was his Captain or officers in this campaign -- making his whole service as a minute man one year five months and ten days, and as a volunteer private ten months for which he claims a pension -- applicant states as he has done in his former declaration, that he does not believe the company of minute men in which he first served, war of the regular or Continental troops, but some peculiarly organized militia -- Applicant states that he cannot on account of extreme old age and infirmity state more particularly than he has done, the incidents of his service -- he states as to the reason why he did not get the certificate of a clergyman -- that there is none in the neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fourth day of June 1833

S/ Ben McNutt, JP

S/ Francis Quarles, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]