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Pension Application of John West S4720
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State of Virginia

County of Pittsylvania Ss.

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Soyars, David H. Clark, Coalman D. Bennett and Daniel Coleman the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting John West a resident of the said County and State aforesaid aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that he entered the Service of the United States on the first day of July 1776 being drafted as a Soldier and marched from the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia in a Company of Militia under the Command of Capt. William Leftwich, Lieut. Robert Adams and Ensign Jonathan Richardson through the Counties of Botetourt & Montgomery direct to Reed Island on New River and was stationed at that place about fifteen days and march from there to Fort Chizzle [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] on the said New River and was stationed in said Fort between two and three months under the Command of the officers aforesaid (no other Company or officers being there) that he was discharged at Fort Chizzle by Capt. Leftwich about the 20th of October 1776 making the whole time of service rendered on this tour including the time allowed to travel home at least four months. the object of that Company was to guard the lead mines against the attacks of the Indians. his discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found, but the service rendered is proved by James Arthur [James Arther, pension application S6527] who was an Orderly Sergeant with him in the same Company and stationed at the same place.

In the month of August 1780 he again entered the service of the united states as a volunteer in a Rifle Company commanded by Capt. Robert Adams, Lieut Charles Lynch Jr. and ensign Matthew Arthur – about the first of September 1780 this Company together with three other Company's commanded by Captain Jacob Earley [Jacob Early], Thomas Arthur and George Turnbull rendezvous'd at Ward's Ferry on Staunton River then in the County of Bedford Va. [about 3 mi downstream from present Altavista in Campbell County] and formed a Rifle Corps of about seven hundred men which were commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch and Major William Leftwich and were stationed at that place about two weeks then marched from there direct through the Counties of Prince Edward and Nottoway to Petersburg Va. At that place Major [John] Holcombe and one other Rifle Company were attached to the Corps still under the Command of Col Lynch. They were stationed near that place until sometime in December when the whole of the Corps were discharged by Col. Lynch, that he acted as a Sergeant the whole time on this tour, the whole of the time of service rendered on this tour is at least 3½ months, that his discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by the Rev'd. Henry Brown [pension application S8098] who was an Orderly Sergeant in the same Company with him and stationed at the same place – that he was born in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia in the year 1757 – that his age was recorded in a family Bible which he supposes is yet in the possession of of some one of his fathers children – that he lived in the County of Bedford when he was called into service and lived in that County six years after the war ended, has lived in the County of Campbell nineteen years and has lived in the County of Pittsylvania ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. John hisXmark West

NOTE: On 9 Mar 1836 John West applied to have his pension transferred to Highland County OH where

he had moved "for the purpose of purchasing land, and to be near his grandchildren and have their assistance in his old age." In 1842 he lived near New Petersburg in that county.