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Pension Application of Jesse Lewis S5680

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State of Virginia County of Albemarle towit

On this thirteenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before Lucas P. Thompson, Judge of the Circuit Superior court of Law and chancery for the circuit of Albemarle and in the State aforesaid now sitting Jesse Lewis, a resident of the county and State aforesaid, aged Sixty 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 act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he was born on the 13th day of May in year 1763 and in the county of Albemarle and State of Virginia in which county he has resided to the present time. That in the year 1780 he was drafted in the militia from the county of Albemarle in the State aforesaid the day and month not recollected, and served a tour of two months at Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] under Captain John Henderson, Major _____ Quarles [possibly James Quarles] and Colonel Holt Richardson. That he does not remember the day and month of his discharge. that early in the year 1781 he undertook as a substitute for William Eastin [pension application S39479] who had been required by draft to perform a tour of eighteen months in the regular service, and marched from the said county of Albemarle in the requisition aforesaid under Captain Benjamin Harris [W7664] who had been detailed for that purpose to Chesterfield old court house that being the place of rendezvous for the eighteen months men, the officer who commanded at this station was Gen'l. Steuben [Baron von Steuben]. After having remained there some time they marched to the point of Fork in the county of Fluvanna [at present Columbia] where the military stores were deposited – that upon the arrival of Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. John Simcoe under command of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 5 Jun 1781] at this place, they retreated to the south as far as Staunton river, and from thence to the county of Hanover, where they joined as he believes the main army under Gen'l. Lafayette. That from Hanover they marched to the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct] where he performed such duty as was assigned to him. That after the capture of Cornwallis they marched to Cumberland Old Court House for winter quarters, That whilst there he was taken sick and thereby rendered unable to proceed further. That whilst in the hospital at that place he procured a substitute for the balance of the time, and received a written discharge from _____ Feebecker [sic: Col. Christian Febiger] which discharge he is not now able to find, or account for having performed duly more than twelve months in the regular service, That from the frequent change of officers during the period of this service, he cannot recollect all of their names but he remembers to have been under the command of Lieutenant _____ Thweat [possibly William Thweatt] and Captain [Abraham] Kirkpatrick for several months, and that his field officers he believes during the greater portion of the time were Major Polson [sic: John Poulson] and Colonel [Thomas] Gaskins. He further states that he has no documentary evidence but can prove that he was in the eighteen months service by Samuel Barksdale [W18568], who served with him and who is a resident of the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid. He has no proof of the two months tour He further declares that 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 any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Jesse Lewis

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Jess Lewis, age 18, height 5' 11", dark hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, blacksmith, born in Fluvanna County, residing in Albemarle County where he enlisted as a substitute on 20 Mar 1781 for 18 months.