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Pension Application of Robert Tate S6192

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Virginia Louisa County Sct.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Louisa County now sitting, Robert Tate, residing in Louisa County, Virginia, aged eighty years on the [blank] of the present month, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. He states that he was born in the County of Louisa on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August in the year 1752 as appeared by a Register of his age in his father's hand writing, as he always understood & believed that after growing up to manhood he removed to the County of Caroline where he acted as an Overseer on a plantation belonging to a Mr. John Ellis that whilst there in that character on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1778 he was drafted as a militiaman for twelve months from the said county of Caroline, that he went under the command of Capt. Richard Stevens, Thomas Hoard [Thomas Hord] being the Lieutenant, which company belonged to the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by colo. [John] Green and afterwards the 6<sup>th</sup> by consolidation; that he joined the american army under General Washington at Valley Forge, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March thereafter, and continued constantly in service in the Northern army for twelve months, and he obtained his discharge in New Jersey on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1779, which discharge being obtained from his Lieutenant Hoard he considered as of no importance, and has since lost or mislaid. He further states that in the years 1780 and 1781 he was drafted three times for two months tour of duty each time, that at the first draft in 1780 he procured a substitute, that at these several drafts he resided in the county of Louisa that at the second draft in 1780 he in person performed the duty during the whole time of two months at the Hessian Barracks in Albemarle County, and which tour he performed under Lieutenant David Biggers; only a Lieutenants command being drafted from the County on that occasion, that he obtained his discharge at the Barracks which he has since lost or mislaid; He further states that in 1781 he performed another tour of duty of two months, as above stated, that he went under one Capt. Lillard and being drafted, and served about Williamsburg & in some of the adjoining counties. He further states that he continued in service during the whole two months, that after the expiration of the same he left the army, leaving Capt. Lillard who promised this affiant to obtain his discharge, and his pay for the time he served his country, neither of which this affiant got as Capt Lillard soon after he quitted the army removed to the State of Kentucky, and this affiant never afterwards saw him. He further states that from lapse of time and deaths, that he is now unable to prove all the services thus stated in this his declaration upon oath, that there is no person he knows of at this time living who marched with him to the northern army in 1778, but that he can prove by William Tate about the time he was drafted, his departure for the northern army, and that he returned after a service of about 12 months, and that he can prove by Wm. G. Hiter a Clergyman, and Lucian Minor a neighbor also that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution. He further states that he at present resides in the county of Louisa. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. [signed] Robert Tate  
[William Tate, about 77, stated that he went with Robert Tate "from his mother's in Laws to the Bull Church in Caroline, on his way to join his company about to march to the north."]