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Pension application of Gabriel Tutt S6279

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State of Virginia Culpeper County

On this 20 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Culpeper now sitting Gabriel Tutt a resident of Saint marks Parish in the County of Culpeper & State of Virginia aged between seventy-four & seventy-five years (will be seventy-five in February next) 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the Army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit in the Virginia 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stevens, Lewis Willis Lieutenant Colonel and George Nicholas Major, he was then a volunteer in the capacity of quarter Master Sergeant to the said 10th Virginia Regiment, marched from the Court house of said Culpeper County on the 11th of March 1777 in Captain John Gillason's Company of foot to the North and joined the Main Army commanded by General Washington at Middlebrook in the Jerseys -- I remained with the Army until about the middle of March in the following year and then left it at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania & returned home. I then went to the State of South Carolina where I had two brothers who had lived in that state previous to the war of the Revolution; my older brother was a Captain in one of the three Companies which were detached from Colonel Huger's Regiment of State Troops to guard the frontiers of the state against the Indians and as I understood and believes was placed on the Continental establishment; the other two Companies were commanded by Captain John Bowie and Captain John Moore. I was appointed soon after my arrival in that State a 2nd Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Moore at Fort Independence my commission was signed by John Rutledge Governor of the State, which I left there in the year 1783 when I returned to Virginia with an expectation of going back in a short time but never did until 1827 when the person I left it with was either dead or removed away as I could get no account of it. In the latter part of the year 1778 and the beginning of 1779 we were stationed on the height of Savannah River opposite Augusta in Georgia under the command of Brigadier General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] of the Militia where we remained until the British left that place & then marched with General Lincoln to the lower parts of the state and remained there until after the battle of Stono, where we were ordered to the frontiers of the state and were immediately detached on an expedition under the Command of General Williamson against some Indians on the waters of the [word written over and illegible] and on our return were ordered to Savannah and remained there until after the attack on that place and then returned to Augusta in which we remained until after the fall of Charlestown and then went to a post called White Hall in the State of South Carolina, where we

were taken prisoner by the British & Tories under the command of Colonels Paris and Cunningham and paroled not to serve during the war. After the British came to Ninety Six they ordered out every man that was fit for duty to take up arms and joined them under the penalty of military execution. Myself and many others left the state & joined General Pickens in the upper parts of North Carolina where we remained until General Greene arrived & besieged Ninety Six. After the Siege of that place was raised we again went to North Carolina and remained until after the British left Ninety Six. We again returned and was constantly on duty until peace was concluded, which may be seen by referring to the affidavits of Col. Hammond & others --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and a claim he has upon the State of South Carolina for commutation and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year above written.

S/ Gabl Tutt

[Richard J. Tutt and Philip Lightfoot gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court further annexes the questions put to said Tutt by them and his answers to each interrogatory as follows

Question 1 Where and in what year were you born?

Answer In the County of Culpeper where I now live in the year 1758

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer Yes I have and here he is (here the applicant produced to the court and ancient writing in which his birth is set down on the 11th February 1758)

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the County of Culpeper with my father, who then lived where I now live -- since my return from South Carolina in December 1783 I have continued to live in the County of Culpeper at the same place and on which I now live

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was first a volunteer as set forth in the body of my declaration I then went to the State of South Carolina and was appointed a Lieutenant and served in that capacity as before mentioned.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: When I was a volunteer in the North I was with General Washington, Colonel Edward Stevens of the 10th Virginia Regiment Lieutenant Colonel Willis & Major Nicholas; in South Carolina I was with General Andrew Williamson of the Militia, also Colonel Isaac Huger, Major Bowie, Captain Moore Lieutenants Farrar and Earle and others: the general Circumstances of my service are resided in my declaration (which the applicant here read over)

Question 6th Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer: I did receive a commission as 2nd Lieutenant it was signed by John Rutledge Governor of South Carolina; I left it in that State in 1783 when I came to Virginia expecting to return very shortly to South Carolina. And I did not return to that state until the year 1827 when I found that the friend with whom I had left that and other papers was dead or removed and I could get no

intelligence either of him or my papers.

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I am known to every person in my neighborhood I am known to each member of this court, I hope & believe that all that know me will testify to my character as to veracity and particularly Richard L. Tutt and Major Philip Lightfoot as to their belief of my military services. Sworn & subscribed in open court

S/ Gabl Tutt

[fn p. 6: the court's recitation of the grounds for believing the application to be true states that the Court has relied, in part, on the affidavits of Thomas Farrar¹ and Samuel Hammond,² officers in the service and evidence of John Simpkins, Samuel Earle³ and Samuel Perrin, but those affidavits are not in the file.]

¹ [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

² [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

³ [Samuel Earle S21174](#)