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Pension Application of Benjamin Viers S6313

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The State of Ohio }

Gallia County } SS

On this twenty fourth day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Gallia State of Ohio (being a Court of Record) now sitting Benjamin Viers a coloured man a resident of the County of Gallia aforesaid State of Ohio aged eighty years the third day of September in the year 1832 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 June 7, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he enlisted at Henry Court House in Henry County State of Virginia under Captain Nathan Reed [Nathan Reid] some time in the month of October 1775 [sic: 1776] as near as he can now recollect and shortly after was marched under Captain [Henry] Conway, the name of the Liutennant he thinks was Haws & the Ensign's name he thinks was Conway [possibly John Conway]. he marched with his company to Fredericksburg and from thence he marched to George Town [Georgetown] where he joined his regiment which was the fourteenth Virginia Regiment which was at the time he joined it commanded by Colonel Blueford [sic: Abraham Buford]. shortly after joining the Regiment it marched to Valley forge where it went into winter quarters [1777-78] in the spring the Brigade to which the Regiment was attached and commanded by Brigadier General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and was in the spring as near as he can remember marched on to the Delaware River above Philedelphia [sic: Philadelphia] where the Brigade staid about one month on the Delaware the Brigade then joined the main army and Lord Sterling [sic: Gen. William Alexander, Lord Stirling] took the command of the army then marched to Little York [York PA] from thence the Army marched to Trenton from thence he was marched to Stony point [sic: Stony Point NY] and from thence he was marched to Brandywine from thence to German Town [sic: Germantown] from thence he was marched to Monmouth from thence he was marched to a place near Little York [Yorktown VA] from thence to Winchester in Virginia the American Army was constantly kept on the march to oppose the British Army which was changing positions & marching to different points he was marched to the White Plains and was in that Battle [28 Oct 1776] was in the Battle at German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] was in the Battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], was in the Battle at Monmouth [28 June 1778] and also at Little York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] never received any wound – frequently saw General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and General Washington who he distinctly remembers. This declarant states that he enlisted for and during the revolutionary war and that he served out his time and was honorably dismissed at Winchester State of Virginia in the fall of 1782 [more likely 1781] by General Mulenburg. he had a written discharge which is lost by time and accident he thinks his name can be found on the Rolls of the 14th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment and on the 10th Regiment which was formed from the 14th after it was broken up [on 12 May 1779] he states that he has no dockumentary evidence other than what he has here stated he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify of his service He further states that he was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war over five years from the time of his enlistment untill he was discharged. He further states that he was free born at Charlotte County State of Virginia on the 3rd day of September in the year 1752 as he has been told by his Parents he has no record of his age. He states that he was living in Henry County Virginia when he enlisted. after he was discharged he went home to Henry County aforesaid where he resided about one year then went to Amherst County where he resided three years as an Overseer for Capt David Oderson then he went to

Amelia County Virginia where he resided two years then he moved to Henrico County where he resided one year then moved back to Amherst County where he resided one year as Overseer for David Alexander then moved to Bedford County where he staid a few months from thence he went to Henrico where he staid a short time then went to Portsmouth Virginia where he lived a few months and then went to live in Amherst County where he was married to a woman by the name of Betsy Long after his marriage he moved to Botetourt County Virginia where he lived five years and in the year 1827 some time in the month of September of that year he moved to the County of Gallia State of Ohio where he has resided eversince 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 nor ever has been as he has never received any pension for his revolutionary services Benjamin hisXmark Viers