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Pension Application of James Arther (Arthur) S6527

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State of Virginia, To Wit:

On this Twelvth day of February 1833 Personally appeared before Thomas S Adams a Justice of the peace for Pittsylv'a County James Arthur a resident of Pittsylvania County and State aforesaid, aged Eighty two 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 June the 7th, 1832, that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and Served as herein Stated. he was Drafted into the Militia Service of the United States on the first day of July 1776 and marched from the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, where he then resided under Captain William Leftwich and Lieut. Robert Adams through the Counties of Botetourt and Montgomery to Reed Island on New River, from thence we marched to fort Chissel [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] near the lead mines where we were stationd to guaird the said nines under the said Officers and an Ensign no others being with us untill our term of service expired. I acted on this tour as Orderly Sergeant, I was discharged by Captain Leftwich at that place about the last of October 1776. The time of service rendered including the time of traveling home was at least Four months my discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered on this tour is proved by John West [pension application S4720] who was a soldier with me the whole time

I was again Drafted into the Militia Service of the United States in the month of July 1777 and marched from the said County of Bedford in a Company which was Commanded by Captain William Trigg together with a Company which was commanded by Captain [Henry] Buford we went through the County of Botetout [sic: Botetourt], and joined the Army under Colo. Andrew Lewis near the paint Bank in the County of Green Briar [sic: Greenbrier], and remained with him a few days. I then held the Rank of Sergeant and acted as such, I was left with some other men under me to guard the family and Houses of a Mr. Smith who was then one of the most frontier settlers against the Indians Colo. Lewis and the Army under him went on in search of the Indians. I remained in this situation untill our term of Three months Service expired, I received a letter from Colo. Lewis directing me to discharge the men left under me and to return home, I did so and received no other Discharge. That letter is lost but the service is proved by Joseph Hundly [pension application S5581], who was a soldier and marched with me from the said County of Bedford at that time

About the first of August 1781 I was again drafted into the Militia Service of the United States and marched from the said County of Bedford in a Company which was commanded by Captain John Trigg we went through the Counties of Prince Edward & Nottoway and the Town of Petersburg direct to Little York where we were attached to the Regiment under Colo. [St. George] Tucker in Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson's Brigade we were stationed at that place engaged in Digging entrenchments &c. untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself and his Army to Gen'l. Washington in the month of October [19th] 1781 after which I was discharged at that place about the 21st day of October 1781 by Captain Trigg. I acted on this tour as Sergeant. The whole time of service rendered on this tour including time of travelling home was at last three months my discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by Thomas Hackworth [S31115] who was a soldier with me in the same Company and served at the same time.

I was Born in the County of King William in the State of Virginia on the 24th day of October in the year 1750.

my age was recorded in a Bible that I had in my posession for many years but know not where it is now I lived in the County of Bedford when I was called into service, I lived in the said County of Bedford when

the war ended, lived in the said County of Bedford 3 or 4 years after the War ended then moved to the County of Pittsylvania, and have lived in that County ever since.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State [signed] James Arther