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Pension Application of John Bass S6592

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Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit:

On this 10th day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court before the county court of chesterfield (being a court of record) now sitting, John Bass a resident of said county of chesterfield and state of Virginia, aged about Seventy one 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] day of June 1832. – That sometime in the summer of the year 1777 he entered the service of the United States in the Militia thereof, in Chesterfield county, in the company commanded by Capt. Bernard Markham, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Haskins, that he was marched through the counties of Charles City, James City, Newkent [sic: New Kent], to York, & thence to Williamsburg where he was discharged, after serving about three months. (the precise of time of entering and being discharged he does not particularly recollect)

That sometime in the fall of the year 1780, he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia, in Chesterfield county, in the company commanded by Capt. David Patteson [David Patterson], with Stephen Pankey Lieutenant, that the Regiment was commanded by Colo Goode, that he was marched from Chesterfield to Smithfield, and Mackey's Mills, several other places in the lower part of the State, and thence back to Peters[burg] where he was discharged after serving about three months. – he thinks that in this tour there was a Regular company of Artillery attached to the Regiment, but who command of it he is unable now to say.

That early in the year 1781, he again entered the service of the United States the Militia, in Chesterfield county, in the company commanded by Capt. Davi[d] Patteson, in the Regt. commanded by Colo. Robert Goode, and was ordered to the s[outh] but after marching to Dinwiddie courthouse, was ordered to return, and upon arriv[ing at] Petersburg was discharged after a tour of about one month.

That about the first of April 1781, he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia in chesterfield county, in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Royall with Thomas Watkins as Ensign, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Goode – that the enemy being in James River and frequently committing depredations in the country he was almost constantly on the march and watch for them, in the neighbourhood of Petersburg and Richmond, that at one time being stationed at a place called Sudberry's [3 mi from Chesterfield Courthouse] in Chesterfield county, the detachment to which he belonged, was surprised by a pa[arty of?] Tarleton's horse, and himself with some sixty or seventy others taken prisoners ([?] happened sometime in the month of May [23rd]) – he was detained as a prisoner until about the last of September 1781 when he was exchanged – making this tour including the time he was a prisoner about six months.

That he has no particular recollection of any of the officers of the Regular Army – though he was occasionally with the said army – that he never was in any engagement except at the affair at Sudberry's – that he never received any written discharge – that most of his service in the army aforesaid, is known to William Goode, Sr. [pension application S8581] of this county – That he has a record of his age in his possession at home, by which it appears he was born in Chesterfield county on the 22nd day of June 1761, that he has always resided in the said county of Chesterfield ever since his birth.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] John Bass sen'r

Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit;

This day [17 Dec 1832] personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, John Bass, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, for Eight months he served as a Private in the Militia of the United States, and four months he was a Prisoner of war, having been taken by the enemy, and for such service he claims a Pension. That he is well known to many persons in his neighbourhood, who can testify as to their belief in his services in the revolutionary war, particularly to William Goode Senr who was also a soldier of the revolutionary war, and has made his affidavit in support of my services – to Charles Forsee [pension application W11001], an old and respectable Clergyman, who was also a soldier of the revolutionary war;

[signed] John Bass