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Pension Application of Edward Bass S6595

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State of Virginia } Ss.

Chesterfield County }

On this fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini 1832, personally appeared in open Court before County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, Edward Bass, a resident of the said County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, entitled "An Act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated viz:

In the year 1775, in the County of Chesterfield, he enlisted in Captain Francis Goode's company of minute men for the term of one year, and in October of that year entered the service in the said Company, George Markham being Lieutenant, and James Moody Ensign; marched down to Williamsburg and was put under the command of Colonel Patrick Henry, remained there about seven weeks, returned and was discharged in the County of Chesterfield about the middle of December, having served about seven weeks.

In the summer of 1776 he was again called out into the minute service, in the same county, under the command of same Captain, James Moody being then Lieut., and Aaron Haskins [pension application S18437] (who was living in this County) ensign, marched down by land to Hampton, crossed over the Roads to Portsmouth, and was put under command of Col. Samuel Meredith and Col. Richard James, remained there until about the commencement of the winter, and was brought back and discharged in Chesterfield some time in December. during this time this declarant acted as a sergeant in the said company, he came home once on a furlough for twenty days on account of his health, but returned and his company was discharged from the Regiment just as he got back to Portsmouth, having served at least three months.

In the summer of 1777 as well as he can recollect, he was drafted and entered the service in the same County and state, as a sergeant of militia in Capt. Henry Cheatham's company, John Farmer and Richard Elam being the Lieuts, and Branch Elam Ensign, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Robert Goode, marched down to Williamsburg and was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Charles Scott, remained there some weeks, but how long he cannot remember, now whether he was discharged there or in Chesterfield.

In the winter of 1780-81, he was again called out and entered the service in the same county, as a sergeant in the same Company commanded by the same officers, in Col. Goode's Regiment, was stationed at Manchester at the time of [Gen. Benedict] Arnold's invasion in January 1781, when the British Army burnt some houses in Richmond and destroyed the stores at Westham; he was shortly afterward discharged, but was soon ordered out again and went down in the same company and Regiment below Petersburg to Cabin Point, and was put under the command of Baron Steuben, and was discharged at that place. Was soon called out again in the same company & Regiment, and marched about through Chesterfield, during [Gen. William] Phillips's invasion and was discharged at Ware bottom in Chesterfield a few days after the battle of Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781].

From this time until the capture of Lord Cornwallis's army at York [19 Oct 1781] he was in the service almost continually with the exception of a few short intervals. This part of the Country being all that time in a state of invasion, and over-run by the British forces under various commanders, and especially

Arnold, Phillips, [Lt. Col. Banastre] Tarleton and Cornwallis, the militia was repeatedly called out, kept in service short periods, sometimes only a few days, discharged, and almost as soon as soon as they could get home, were ordered out again. It is impossible for him to remember after such a lapse of time the dates & duration of his various tours, and the names of the numerous field officers he was under; he belonged during the whole time to the same company and Regiment last mentioned in which he acted as a sergeant, and was commanded by the same company officers, except that Bartlett Elam [Bartilot Elam] had been substituted in the place of Branch Elam and was employed chiefly in the County of Chesterfield. In the fall he was sent under Lieut. John Robertson with about twenty men, who were stationed as a guard at Henderson's Store in the County of Amelia, and after remaining on that service five or six weeks he was discharged shortly before the surrender of the British Army at York in October. That he does not remember serving under or with any officers except those he has mentioned, and that he does not well know who were Regular Officers and who not.

The applicant cannot state with accuracy the exact time he was in military service, during the revolution; but he verily believes he served at least nine months.

That he was born in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia the 15th of August 1754, as he was always informed by his parents, which corresponds with the register of his age made by his father in the family Bible, now in this declarant's possession, and has always resided in the same County. That he never received any written discharge from the service and has no documentary evidence therefor but that there are several witnesses now living and among the rest Major Aaron Haskins, who can testify as to some of his tours.

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 above mentioned. [signed] Edward Bass Sen'r

I Aaron Haskins, a resident of the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Edward Bass, who has subscribed and sworn to the forgoing declaration, and know that he served two tours in the minute service in Capt Goodes company as he states, and that his name now appears on the muster roll of the said company made out by me as the orderly Sergeant of the said Company, and I remember perfectly well he was also in the second tour, at the time I was Ensign to the said company, and that he acted as Sergeant in said Company; we lived in the same neighbourhood and went down on both tours in company together, that I have also always understood and have no doubt of the fact that Mr. Bass also served several tours in the militia during the Revolution, and that I believe him to be about seventy eight years of age.

Sworn to and subscribe the day and year aforesaid [signed] A Haskins

I Charles Forsee [pension application W11001], a clergyman residing in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Edward Bass, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, and believe him to be seventy eight years of age; that I remember very well that Mr. Bass & myself were together in a tour at Williamsburg, but belonged to different companies. I also remember very well that the said Bass served several tours in the County of Chesterfield in the year 1781, during the invasions of Arnold, Phillips, Cornwallis, Tarleton &c. and that he is reputed and believed in his neighbourhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution

[signed] Charles Forsee

[signed] Wm. Goode Sen'r [pension application S8581]

State of Virginia

Chesterfield County, Sc.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in the County & State

aforesaid, Edward Bass Sen'r., who being duly sworn, deposes to the following statement, viz: "That from old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, viz. For one month & twenty one days he served as a private in the minute service, & for seventh months & a half he served as orderly Sergeant in the Virginia militia & minute troops; in the United States service in the Revolution, & for such service he claims a pension, That he could mention many persons, some hundred he thinks, who know him & could testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the Revolution but supposes it will be sufficient to refer to Major Wm. Goode & Captain Edmond Lockett [pension application W8064], late high sheriff of the County & James & Richard Elam esquires."

[signed] Edward Bass Sen'r

Subscribed & Sworn to before me the 4th day of December 1832.

William Goode Jr JP