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Pension Application of Samuel Franklin S6860

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State of Virginia Bedford County S.S.

On this 22nd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Bedford now sitting Samuel Franklin a resident of the County of Bedford aforesaid State of Virginia aged Seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he thinks it was in the year 1778 he engaged to serve as a substitute for Cornelius Sale a Tour in the militia for one month and marched from the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia under Captain John Jacobs Lieutenant David Davis & Ensign John Burnette to the Albemarle Barracks where they were attached to the armed force commanded by Col. [Francis] Taylor where he was stationed until his term of service having expired he was discharged. He was engaged while stationed at the Barracks in guarding the prisoners of Gen'l. Burgoyne's army taken at Saratoga [on 17 Oct 1777; kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781]. He has no documentary evidence of the service of this Tour, having either lost or mislaid the discharge he received from his Capt. John Jacobs. That about Two years thereafter, He thinks in September 1780 still residing in the County of Amherst he was drafted to serve a Militia Tour of three months and marched from said County under Cap. Sam'l. Higginbotham [Samuel Higginbotham], James Ware first & Joseph Staples second Lieutenant and Travis Chambers ensign, through Albemarle Fluvanna and Goochland to the city of Richmond in Henrico County, where with two other companies commanded by captains Harris & Christian who marched from the same County, was stationed where they remained until the Tour of Service expired. They were engaged in no battles but was employed in reconstructing about the City and in December 1780 were regularly discharged, but his discharge is either lost or mislaid. Still residing in the same County in August 1781 he was again detached or drafted out of the same company commanded by Cap. Samuel Higginbotham and marched in a company commanded by Cap. John Sewart [sic: John Stewart] through Albemarle, Goochland, Fluvanna, on directly to little York where they were attached to the armed forces of the United States commanded by Major Gen'l. Washington &c. &c., where they remained til the surrender of Lord Cornwallis commander of the British forces [on 19 Oct 1781]. from there he marched under Captain John Stewart Guarding the prisoners on the way to Maryland, but was taken sick near the line of that State, was on the expiration of his Term of three months. In November 1781 he was discharged by his Captains order. That he has no documentary evidence of the service of any of his Tours, having lost or mislaid his discharge if he ever received one. That he was born on the 29th day December 1762. That he has a record of his age as kept by his parents. That he was born and raised in the County of Amherst where he resided when called into the service that since then he has resided some time in the County of Nelson in the State of Virginia, but for the last Twenty years he has resided in Bedford County in the same state. That in the Two first Tours he served, he does not think he was attached to any regiment. The first Tour of one month he was under the command of Colo. Taylor. The Tour at Richmond he thinks there was no higher officer than the Captain, that the Cap'n. received his orders direct from the Governor. That the last Tour they were all thrown together at the seige of York & he cannot say to what regiment he belonged or what colo or major he was immediately under the command of. That he knows of but one living witness by whom he can prove the service of any of the Tours he served, which is Francis Wood [pension application S18290] to whose affidavit he refers. That he refers to Andrew Skinnel and Lindsey Stinnett neighbours who will testify as to his character &c. &c. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Sam'l. Franklin

NOTE: Fold3 has the file of this Samuel Franklin beginning on p 15 in the file of Samuel Franklin S37940, who served from Connecticut.