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Pension application of Miles Langley S7132

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: On this 8th April 1835 personally appeared before us Hillary Wilder & Josiah O. Watson two of the justices of the peace and justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Johnston Miles Langley a resident of said County aged about 69 or 70 who being 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 was drafted into the service of the United States in the summer of 1781 in the County of Dobbs now called Wayne for a term of twelve months I rendezvoused at Kingston [sic, Kinston] NC and was placed under Captain Thomas Shute and was thence immediately marched to Conner Douds<sup>1</sup> in Moore County where I was placed under the following officers Major Bennett Crafton Captain Morris Raiford Lieutenant Jones I was principally occupied in suppressing the Tories in that and the adjoining Counties I was marched repeatedly to Haw River and Ash pole Swamp and over into South Carolina chasing the Tories commanded by Fanning [David Fanning] never being able to overtake them. Declarant was then marched to Hillsboro and stayed about two months thence to Haw River thence to Deep River thence to Guilford Court house where declarant was discharged having served as private the full term of 12 months. Declarant's discharge is lost.

Declarant served in the State Regiment and knows no other name of the Regiment in which he served.

Subscribed and sworn to before us the day and year above written in witness whereof we annexed our hands and seals.

S/ Hillary Wilder, JP

S/ Miles Langley, X his mark

S/ Josiah O. Watson, JP

State of North Carolina Wayne County: This 26th day of February 1835 came before us William Smith & Robert McKinne two of the justices of the peace and justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County David Edwards<sup>2</sup> after being duly sworn deposeseth and says that Miles Langley who made the declaration above was a soldier of the Revolution. That they marched together to Kingston North Carolina and was placed under Captain Thomas Shoote and was immediately marched to head quarters to Conner Douds where they were placed under Major Bennett Crafton, Captain Morris Raiford Lieutenant Jones. We were generally occupied in suppressing the Tories we were marched repeatedly to Haw River and to Ash pole Swamp and over into South Carolina suppressing the Tories commanded by Fanning was then marched to

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<sup>1</sup> this is probably a reference to Conner Dowd's Mill.

<sup>2</sup> [David Edwards S6812](#)

Hillsboro and stayed. This affiant states that he obtained a furlough and came home and when he returned found said Langley still there was then marched to Haw River then to Deep River then to Guilford Court house where of Miles Langley was discharged having served his full term of 12 months we were both drafted the same time and served together as messmates and said Langley was my washer and mender during the whole time of our service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written in witness whereof we have set our hands and seals.

S/ David Edwards, X his mark

S/ William Smith, JP

S/ Robert McKinne, JP

State of North Carolina Wayne County: This 26th day of February 1835 came before us William Smith & Robert McKinney 2 of the Justices of the peace and Justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County James McDaniel<sup>3</sup> who being duly sworn according to law states that the applicant Miles Langley and himself became acquainted in Kingston then see in the service of the state Regiment we were placed under Captain Thomas Shoote and was immediately marched off to head quarters and placed under Major Bennett Crafton Captain Morris Raiford Lieutenant Jones we were generally occupied in suppressing the Tories commanded by Fanning we were then marched to Haw River and to Ash pole Swamp and over into South Carolina was then marched to Hillsboro. This affiant states he obtained a furlough and came home during the term of 12 months and with the exception of that he was with this declarant during the whole term of 12 months and when he went home and returned still found said Langley there being one of his messmates and they stayed together till they were marched to Guilford Courthouse where this declarant Langley was discharged having served his full term of 12 months in the State Regiment and this affiant says he was marched from thence to Hillsboro as a one of the guard over the prisoners and was there discharged. Subscribed and sworn in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

S/ William Smith, JP

S/ James McDaniel

The Supplemental and amended declaration of miles Langley, taken Sworn to & subscribed before me R M Saunders one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Court of Equity in and for the State of North Carolina on this first day of December A.D. 1836 in the City of Raleigh in the County of Wake & State aforesaid, the said Miles Langley being a resident Citizen of Johnson County [sic, Johnston County], who being also duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he believes, the justices of the peace who drew up his original declaration to wit, justice William Smith who drew it up and Justice Wilder & Watson for whom he qualified to it, misapprehended him, or his meaning: As his services were not of those scouring detached party or parties of irregular militia called out at times only to suppress the Tories -- But that he was a regular drafted soldier, and put in the Continental service of the line of the State of North Carolina for 12 months. That he served his full 12 months drafted tour of service faithfully and that he well recollects. He was then about 18 years of age, full of vigor courage and a true & faithful soldier and that he was fairly & honestly discharged -- which discharge he kept for many years after until one Richard McKinney then a Member of the legislature of the State of North Carolina applied to him for it, among some others who were entitled to some back rations or pay,

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<sup>3</sup> I think this is the same man as [James McDaniel \(MacDaniel\) S9432](#) even though his testimony above berries from that set forth in his pension application.

which said McKinney promised to procure for them, that he delivered him up his discharge as he McKinney told this affiant it was necessary for him to have it, and which he has never seen since. That he did not then think it would ever be of any more use to him:

And that McKinney is long since dead and that he cannot now her cure it from him nor does he know where it is. And that the above amended Declaration is correct. Having annexed in his former or original declaration the affidavit of David Edwards and James McDaniel who although they were soldiers & compatriots with him in the war of the revolution, he disclaims and denies any thing like combination [?] with them to get himself and properly placed on the Pension list. But as the fact is true, and so it is, that they did serve with him as stated, and that their evidence is at this late period of time the best & only proof he can make to the best of his present recollection. And that since he procured the affidavit or proof of James McDaniel, the said McDaniel has since died. And he is now totally deprived of procuring any new or further evidence by him.

And further states that if any soldiers who performed the like service are entitled to any Pension, that he and David Edwards are so entitled, as he well knows they both performed their duty faithfully, and served this country Honorably -- and further he saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
S/ Miles Langley, X his mark

S/ R. M. Saunders

[fn p. 3: William H. Gary, clerk of the Johnston County court of pleas certified on November 21, 1843 that the veteran died November 15, 1842 survived by a widow named Cresy Langley.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum for 12 months service in the revolution.]