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Pension application of John Pugh S7334

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Virginia

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Nelson County at the Court-house on the 22nd day of October 1832

State of Virginia and County of Nelson: to wit

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County of Nelson, now sitting, John Pugh a resident of the County of Nelson and State of Virginia aged 69 or 70 years, the 18th day of November next following, 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 says he entered the service, and as well as he recollects, the first time in the month of January 1781, his father having been drafted he took his tour, without fee or reward that the draft was in Amherst County, Virginia, that the Captain under whom he served was James Barnett, names of other officers not recollected, that they marched from Amherst County to Richmond, where they joined other troops, and staid a short time; from thence they marched to Williamsburg, where they joined other troops, and staid a few days, from thence to York, where they stayed a short time, and from thence to a place, called the Halfway House, where they stayed a while, from thence to Hampton, where they stayed some time and from thence to Halfway house again, where they were stationed a week or 2, from thence to York, and from thence to the Halfway house again, and from thence, he thinks, to York that he next day, or the day after: He recollects that in the course of this marching and countermarching Major Campbell was detached with about 60 of the ablest bodied man to pursued the enemy as they retreated from the Halfway house, which detachment took several prisoners and brought them into camp at the Halfway house; from York they marched to Williamsburg, and from thence to Richmond where he was discharged, he says he cannot at this distant day recollect the names of any of the field Officers except Major Campbell; this, he says, was a tour of 3 months: In the June following he was drafted in the County of Amherst Virginia and left home the 16th of June and marched under Captain James Lamplin, Lieutenant Joseph Staples and Ensign Bemece, he thinks, was his name; which last deserted before the expiration of that tour from home they marched to Richmond, from thence, he thinks to the Mobbin Hills [sic, Malvern Hill]; he says they joined the Army commanded by General Lafayette that tour, and was with it a large portion of the time sometimes pursuing the enemy, and some times retreating before them, being stationed only a short time at a place called new Castle, and a short time at Mobbin Hills. He says he was in no engagement that tour, that he was in hearing of the battle of Old James Town, which was fought by General Wayne, and that

he arrived at the battle ground that night, but the enemy had retreated, he says he was then marched in various directions, and to various places in the lower part of Virginia, and was taken sick about a fortnight before his tour expired, and was sick or when discharged, which was in the lower part of Virginia, when and where he got into a wagon and was hauled to Rock Spring in Amherst County, this was a 3 months tour, he thinks. Some time after his arrival home he went to the State of North Carolina, where there was a requisition for troops to go against the Indians; he, then and there being with his cousin, who had lived and that Country before that time, a Captain John McDaniel went to his cousins and told him and his cousin that one of them must go or would have to go against the Indians, and he thereupon consented to go and did go, under the said John McDaniel, other officers not recollected. This requisition took place in the County of Burke, State of North Carolina, in the month of October or November 1781; from thence they marched to a block house in the Western frontier, where they stayed and acted as spies, or as they were then called patrols, for 3 months; when their term of service expired, but owing to the threatening position of the Indians they were not discharged until about a week after, he thinks, when some other troops arrived. There was no fighting [sic, fighting] as he recollects, during the time except a party of Indians fired on a white man, as he was returning from the settlement, who returned the fire, killed one Indian, and was pursued by the Indians until relieved by a party of our men; he states that a white settler near the Blockhouse was shot, and suspicion was attached to Captain McDaniel, for having done the murder; in consequence of which said McDaniel was arrested and one James Morris was his successor to the office of Captain, to this last tour he knows of no evidence by whom he can be proven, but for the other he has testimony. Questions by the court.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer as my father and mother told me, I was born in the County of Amherst, Virginia, the 18th of November 1762 or 1763.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When I took my father's place, and the first time I was drafted I lived in Amherst County, Virginia; and when I went against the Indians, I lived in Burke County North Carolina; after my discharge from that tour I returned the spring following from the State of North Carolina to Amherst County Virginia, where I stayed about 2 years, then went to North Carolina, and stayed about one year, then to South Carolina, and staid about 2 years then returned to Amherst County Virginia and stayed until 1800 when I went to Monroe County Virginia, and stayed about one year, then returned to Nelson County, Virginia, where I have lived since and in now living.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. The first time I went in my father's place who bore the same name, the 2nd time I was drafted, and the 3rd time I suppose I volunteered, as from the statement made to me and my cousin by Captain McDaniel which I mentioned before. I did not consider myself more bound than my cousin, nor do I know that either was, but whether that company was Militia, or volunteers, I do not recollect.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

your service.

Answer. General Wayne was sometimes with us; the last tour in Virginia; we were sometimes with General Lafayette. I also recollect that Colonel Lindsey was with us one tour, but cannot recollect which. I do not recollect the No. of any Regiment with which I served the general circumstances of my service is set forth as full and the body of my declaration as my recollection would allow me to do it.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge at the expiration of the 2 first tours but they are lost for the 3rd I do not recollect whether I got a written one, or not, but, if I did, it is also lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

The Court will please inquire of William Bridgwater and Richard Hare and any other of my neighbors, to say, whether I am a man of veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution; the Court will also pleas and choir of the same gentlemen, who can testify whether or not from there acquaintance with me, they believe me to be as old as I represent, and that I am reputed and believed in my neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier, and whether, or not, they concur in that opinion. 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.

S/ John Pugh

[William Bridgwater and Richard Ware gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Polly Chewning, on October 22, 1832, testified that she and her brother, John Pugh, lived together with their father John Pugh in Amherst County Virginia during the time of the revolution; that her brother took her father's place in one draft.]