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Pension application of David Rea (Ray) S7382

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 29 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before said Court, now sitting David Ray a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 75 the 10th of March 1832 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 -- viz. served as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Polk as commandant and John McRee Captain of Militia company to which I belonged. Entered on the 25th of November 1775 and left service on the 2nd of January 1776. Lived in Mecklenburg County & State of North Carolina. Engaged in no battle. Marched through South Carolina crossed the Catawba River to the old nations Ford then York District on the Broad River & crossed at Shiers Ford and home to Rayburn's Creek. Served with no regular troops -- Has no documentary evidence by which the claim may be clearly established. The campaign in which I served was called the Snow Campaign from the fact that a great storm of snow fell on us during the time of our service. William Polk now a resident of Raleigh in this State was dangerously wounded by a Tory during that expedition & I was one of the company who took care of him and conducted him home through the snow.

The second campaign in which he served was the "Cross Creek campaign" Served as a volunteer under the same officers as in the former Campaign. Entered about the first of February 1776 & left the service about the middle of March 1776. Engaged in no battle. Marched from Charlotte, then Salisbury on to Fayetteville, served with no regular Troops -- has no documentary Evidence.

The third tour he was called out to march to Lincoln on the 22nd of June 1780 under General Rutherford. Richard Springs Captain. Left the service on the 22nd of September -- he served about 3 or 4 weeks -- was a volunteer. In no battle marched from Charlotte to Lincoln then -- The company to which he was attached took 30 or 40 Tories flying from the battle at Ramsour's [Ramsour's mill] which was fought 1 mile west of Lincolnton the day before he arrived. From [Linclonton] marched as a guard on to Salisbury. At this time he hired a substitute who served about 3 or 4 weeks until the defeat of General Gates at Camden, after which he was called out and served under Colonel Davie & Captain Finniken -- in scouting parties against the Tories for the balance of the 3 months. Served with no Continental troops. No documentary evidence in possession. --

The fourth & last expedition in which he served was, as a volunteer in a troop of light

dragoons under Captain Charles Polk, Joseph Graham Major Rutherford Brigadier General from some time in the month of September 1781 & left some time in [illegible] of '81, in all about 3 months (which was considered equivalent to 3 months service on foot). **Marched from Charlotte crossing the Yadkin River on to Little River from thence down to Fayetteville. From thence on an expedition to meet a large company of Tories at the rafting Swamps [sic, Raft Swamp] & succeeding & killed near 100. From thence marched against the same body of Tories who had rallied near Wilmington & routed them again. A few days after attack¹** the British near the same place and took 2 prisoners. Scoured the country, were attacked by the Tories & some of the company killed. Served with no regular troops. Has the Certificate of Captain & Major. In your Declarant does hereby relinquish 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Rea, Senior

[Robert H. Morrison, a clergyman, and Isaac Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Joseph Graham² resident in Lincoln County North Carolina do hereby certify that I acted as Major in the North Carolina Militia and that David Ray, who has signed and sworn to the within Declaration was in the cavalry under my command as a soldier and was in several skirmishes in North Carolina on the Cape Fear River during 3 months in the year 1781.

S/ J. Graham

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this the 28th day of May A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open court, David Rea, of the County & State aforesaid, aged 76 years the 10th of March A.D. 1833, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath maketh 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 & served as herein after stated, -- Your Declarant states that he served as a volunteer in all his services. The first Tour, that he served, Colonel Thomas Polk was Commandant & John McKrea was Captain of the company to which he belonged. Entered on the 25th of November 1775 & left on the 21st of January 1776. Was in service at this time 6 weeks -- lived in the County & State aforesaid at the time -- Engaged in no battle -- Marched into South Carolina, on to Rayburn's Creek -- served with no regular troops -- has no Documentary evidence of his service - - The campaign was called the snow campaign. The 2nd campaign in which he served, was called the Cross Creek Campaign -- served under the officers as in the former campaign -- Entered in the month of February 1776, left the same in the month of March 76 -- In service 6 weeks -- Marched from Charlotte, through Salisbury, on to Fayetteville -- served with no regular troops -- Engaged in no Battle -- Has no Documentary evidence.

The 3rd Campaign, Rutherford was General Richard [text cut off --at least one line of text lost]... actual service during this time for 2 months -- Marched from the County of Mecklenburg in the State aforesaid to the Town of Lincolnton in the State aforesaid. The company to which he was attached took 30 or 40 Tories, flying from the Battle of Ramsour's which was fought 1 mile west of Lincolnton the day before he arrived -- from thence marched [indecipherable word or

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words] towards Salisbury -- At this time he hires a substitute who served 4 weeks, until the Defeat of General Gates at Camden -- After which he was called out & served under Colonel Davie & Captain Finnken in scouting parties against the Tories for the balance of the 3 months -- served with no Continental Troops -- no Documentary evidence in possession.

The 4th & last campaign, he served as a light Dragoon under Captain Charles Polk, Joseph Graham Major, Rutherford General -- Entered service in the month of September 1781 & lived in the month of December 1781 & served at this time 2 months -- Marched from Charlotte North Carolina on to Fayetteville in the same State. From thence on an expedition to rout a large party of Tories at the Rafting Swamps & succeeded in killing near 100 -- from thence marched against the same body of Tories who had rallied near Wilmington & routed them again -- a few days after attack the British near the same place & took 2 prisoners -- scoured the country were attacked by the Tories & some of the company killed -- served with no regular troops -- Passed the Certificate of Colonel Charles Polk which he prays to be admitted as proof of this campaign - - Your Declarant states that he served altogether, 7 months, for which he claims a pension under the Act aforesaid -- Your declarant states that he was Born in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware -- Has no record of his age, being in a Family Bible. He knows of no person, save Colonel William Polk of Raleigh who can testify to his services, & he lives such a distance from your [text cut off --at least one line of text lost]... the residence of your Declarant that his Testimony cannot be had without subjecting your Declarant to great inconvenience. Your Declarant states that the Certificate of Reverend Samuel Williamson who is the pastor of the Congregation to which your Declarant belonged, cannot be had, in consequence of insurmountable engagement at home & that he knows of no other clergyman who is sufficiently acquainted with your Declarant that can certify as required. Your Declarant 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 & subscribed

S/ David Rea, Senior

[Isaac Alexander & Ezekiel Black gave the standard supporting affidavit.]