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Pension application of Elisha Rowark S7399

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions January Term 1834

On this 9th Day of January in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now in session for the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina -- Elisha Rowark a resident of said County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged seventy-six years on the 14th day of November last 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 stated to wit. Sometime in the month of August 1776, This Declarant while he was residing in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina was drafted in a Militia Company in said County of Surry under one Captain Dotheridge [sic] & received orders to rendezvous at a public place called Miers in said County. The object of this draft being to protect the frontiers of our own State from the ravages of the Indians, who were then troublesome in that part of the Country which is now in Tennessee on the Holston River -- This Declarant according[ly] rendezvoused at Miers and was there put under one Captain William Dobson in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Joseph Williams -- & This Declarant thinks that one Joseph Winston was the Major or of the Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment. This Declarant was marched in said Company and Regiment to a place on the Holston River, then called Long Island and there camped: and continued some time waiting for reinforcements. This Declarant cannot now recollect But knows for several weeks & perhaps months. From thence they marched to a place called the Three Springs, and there joined with another Regiment under the command of Colonel or General Christi [sic, William Christian], and this Declarant thinks that the troops were under the command of Colonel Christi were Virginia troops; Colonel Christi then took the command of all the troops and marched them to a place of the Indian Towns on the Tennessee River; On arriving there the Indians had fled, and here this Declarant with the rest of the troops were stationed and continued until sometime in the month of February 1777 as well as this Declarant now recollects, and from thence this Declarant with the rest of the Surry Troops were marched back again to Surry County in North Carolina and were Disbanded. He thinks they were disbanded in the first of the Spring 1777. That at what particular day he cannot now recollect. He knows however that he was in service not less than 6 months for which he claims a pension -- and he thinks he was longer.

This Declarant on his return home, shortly afterwards, was married -- and though he was often afterwards drafted, he was no more in regular service, for he always hired a substitute,

choosing rather to pay his money and to leave his wife. This Declarant would also further state that he has once before this time made a Declaration & forwarded it to the war office, and has received information that it never reached there.

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 that he knows of.

This Declarant also further states that he was born as he has been told in 18 miles of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania but what County he never knew for as he has been told he was an infant when he left Pennsylvania & was born on the 14th day of November 1757 --

He This Declarant has no record of his age & knows it only from recollection of having heard it from his parents --

This Declarant was living in Surry County NC when he was called into service and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said County of Surry, state of North Carolina and the County of Caswell in said State: where he now lives -- This Declarant states that he was drafted in the service -- That he knew no regular officers who were with the troops where he served unless Colonel Christi's Troops were regulars -- and he states also that the Surry Regiment was all the Militia Regiment from North Carolina that went with him -- He further states that he never received a discharge. But was disbanded with the rest of the troops when they were returned from their Indian Campaign as before stated.

This Declarant knows of no person by whom he can prove his services by all of his old fellow soldiers having died or moved away & has to rely upon his own oath. He is acquainted with Robert McKee, David D. Nutt Esquire & will Warren and others who will prove for him an honest character for truth & good behavior. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid --

Test: S/ Paul Haralson, Clerk

S/ Elisha Rowark

[Robert McKee, a clergyman, and David D. Nutt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]