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Pension Application of David G. Talbot S7690

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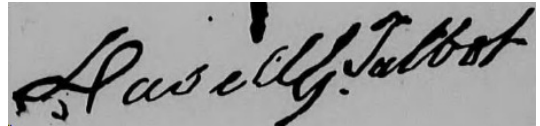
State of Virginia }
County of Campbell } S.S.

On this twelfth day of June [1843], personally appeared in open court, before the court of the County of Campbell, now sitting, David G Talbot, a resident of the county of Campbell and State of Virginia, aged 82 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 first entered the service, as a volunteer, while at school, in a tour to the lead mines on New River [near Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County], under Charles Lynch, with the rank of Colonel, as his Commanding Officer, Joseph Fuqua as his captain. Of the events that transpired during this period of his service, he has but a slight and indistinct recollection, and cannot therefore speak with any degree of certainty. This company of volunteers consisted of about seventy or eighty men, all mounted and equipped at their own expense, and there had been obtained by some means, (he does not now recollect how) a list of the Tories between this county, (which was at that Period the County of Bedford) and the Lead mines; and we were principally engaged in this tour in taking Tories and trying them by a Court Marital, and punishing them according to their deserts, but when we arrived at the Lead mines, we found that the reports which had reached us were not true. of The injuries which had been sustained by those who were friendly to the American cause; and after remaining there some short time we were legally discharged, and he returned home. The duration of this tour he cannot permit himself to assert with precision, but according to the best of his knowledge and belief, it consumed about four or five weeks, for a corroboration of this part of his declaration, he refers to the accompanying certificate of the Rev Henry Brown [pension application W9365], whose name is now on the pension roll of the United States. The next tour on which he served was a volunteer tour under Charles Lynch as his Colonel, and Robert Adams as his captain. This according to the best of his recollection was a volunteer Regiment which was intended to go to the South; he was marched from here to Old Town Creek near Petersburg and while there was placed under Command of General Robert Lawson. But from causes which he cannot now call to mind, it was deemed advisable not to march the Regiment to the South, and we remained there until legally discharged. The duration of this tour was, according to the best of his knowledge and belief, between two and three months. For a corobberation of this part of his declaration he refers to the accompanying certificate of Mr John Cobbs [S15786], whose name is now on the Pension Roll of the United States.

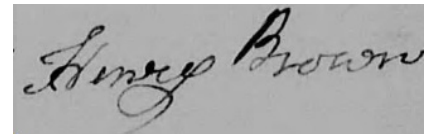
That next and last time he was called into service was according to the best of his recollection by a regular draught in a Tour to the Maubin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] under John Holcombe as his Colonel, Philemon Holcombe as his major and Alexander Cummings [sic: Alexander Cummins] as his Captain Colonel James Callaway, the officer whose duty it was to carry into effect the call that had been made for men took upon himself the responsibility of dividing the call (as it was about Hawes's Time) and sent on only half the number the draft called for with the promise to those that went first, that after they had served half the time (six weeks) the other half should come on and releive those that had been drafted and went on first. But about the time the six weeks had expired, and General Lawson became aware that we expected to be discharged, he had us mustered and in a short speech made to us reminded us in a strong and forcible manner of the punishment and disgrace that would attend the desertion of the company at this time, and also that Colonel Callaway had far exceeded the limit of his authority in making any such promise to us, but the next morning it was found that by far the largest portion of his company had deserted the night previous. It was then that our Captain Alexander Cummins applied for a discharge for the balance of his command at which General Lawson was highly incensed and immediately ordered him under arrest, according to the best of his recollection, they remained there

two weeks longer, when the relief came down, and the balance of the Company of which he was one were legally discharged, and he returned home. He has no distinct recollection at this time of the month or the year in which either of these tours were performed, nor of the Regiment to which he belonged. But he was so young at the commencement of the war, he thinks it must have been toward its close. If he ever received a written discharge, he has no recollection at this time what it contained, nor by whom it was given. The only cause which has prevented him so long from making any effort, to obtain the Pension which he believes to be justly his due, has been that he has not been able until very lately to find any contemporary survivor who even saw him at the Lead Mines, which he always believed was necessary in order to ensure a successful prosecution of his claim.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David G. Talbot". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

I hereby certify that while I was engaged in a volunteer tower against the Tories in the neighbourhood of the lead mines on New River during the war of the Revolution – that I there saw Colonel David G Galbot and that I have ever reason to believe that he was engaged in the same service – that this was my impression at the time and has been so ever since

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Brown". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

NOTE: The file includes a letter pertaining to this application dated Lynchburg, 13 May 1843 from John L. Winston, grandson of David G. Talbot.