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Pension Application of James Wallace S7834

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Virginia:

James City County, to wit:

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for the County of James City aforesaid, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Williamsburg on Monday the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two:

On this thirteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the County Court of James City, James Wallace, a resident of James City County, a man of colour aged seventy five years and unable to support myself, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States about four or five years previous to the seige of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. This affiant being a coloured man and without learning cannot recollect the exact year that he entered the service having lost his discharge, but remembers well he served full three years the full time of his enlistment. That he enlisted under Captain Edward Diggs [sic: Edward Digges, pension application R13760] and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Charles Porterfield, and that he acted as Cook for Colonel Porterfield until he went to the South [where he was killed at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780]. This affiant is unable to State the number of the Regiment. That he lived at the time of his enlistment in James City County to which place he returned and remained up to the present time. That he was not engaged in any regular battle, when Colonel Porterfield's Regiment was sent to the South, he the said Wallace left Williamsburg in the County aforesaid as one of the guard under the command of Provo [sic: Provost] master Thomas Bryan who was at that time in charge of the Prisoners confined, and the said Wallace was one of the guard who conveyed the said Prisoners to Winchester in the said State. That after the said Prisoners had been delivered to the guard prepared for their reception, this detachment in which the said Wallace was enlisted returned to Richmond and there met the Army then under the command of Captain O. P. Devenport [sic: Obadiah "Opie" Davenport], the Colonel having been wounded and could not return to Richmond with the army, that after the arrival of the army the troops were divided a part went down the north and a part went down the South side of James River in order to attack the enemy, which was at that time ten or twelve miles below James Town in Virginia but before the army got down the enemy was gone. Some short time after the army again met and came to Williamsburg, and within a few days after the said Wallace left the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

James hisXmark Wallace

The Court doth give as their opinion that the aforesaid James Wallace is a man of strict truth, honesty and veracity and that due faith and credit would be given in this Court to his oath in any matter in which he could competently be sworn. And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

The following is a statement made by Joseph Crowley, to wit, I Joseph Crowley of the County of James City and State of Virginia doth certify that I am well acquainted with James Wallace a free man of colour and that I heard Captain Diggs, an officer in the Revolutionary Army say that the said Wallace had enlisted under him as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in or about the year 1777.