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Pension Application of Richard Daniel S8293

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To the Honorable Speakers and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia the petition of Richard Daniel of the County of Campbell respectfully represents.

That during the memorable Revolutionary war, your petitioner volunteered as a private in a company commanded by Captain William Jones and composing part of the Rifle regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lynch at the battle of Guilford Courthouse in the state of North Carolina [15 Mar 1781]. That your petitioner participated in the labours and vicissitudes of that sanguinary engagement & receive therein a severe wound in the thigh from a muskett ball, which cut the main or leading sinew of his thigh. That shortly after the battle & whilst confined in the hospital, he received permission for Colo. Lynch to return home in a waggon that was returning to Virginia. That he volunteered for three months, but was in the service only about five weeks before the battle aforesaid, & as his disability continued for nearly a year afterwards he was not again in the service.

That your petitioner was born in the County of Chesterfield, but removed to the neighbourhood where he now resides at the age of about sixteen years. That he is now in the seventy sixth year of his age – has no other property than a small piece of land, some stock, furniture &c; and consequently needs the assistance of his Country for a comfortable living – has raised a numerous family, towit nine sons and three daughters, and is now left without his helpmate.

Owing to the haste with which the Rifle regiment aforesaid was raised, to meet the then pressing emergency, to the death of your petitioners captain (who was killed in the battle), and to your petitioners being by permission seperated from the army at the expiration of the time for which he had volunteered and to the continuance of his confinement from his wound aforesaid, your petitioner never obtained a regular & formal discharge and from the same causes he never received one cent of pay. He therefore humbly prays that he be place on the “pension list” and be allowed a reasonable sum for his present relief – and as in duty bound &c

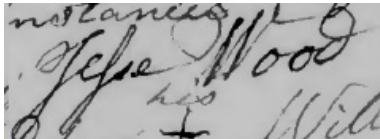
Richard Daniel.

[Sworn 12 Nov 1827]

[22 Nov 1827]

We Jesse Wood [sic: Jesse Wood] and Debrix Williamson [Deborix Williamson W6521] of the County of Campbell and State of Virginia being requested by Richard Daniel of this County to say what we know about said Daniel, & being wounded in the battle at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina We know that the said Richard Daniel was a private in Capt. William Jones’s Company which was a part of Colo’l. Char[les] Lynches Riffle Reg’t. we know that said Daniel was in the Guilford battle we both having seen him there it was then said that he was severely wounded which he believe was trew We know that the said Daniel has resided in our neighbourhood from that time until this that he has raised a large famaly supported a good Character for honesty and probety and is now in Indigent sircumstances

Debrix hisXmark Williamson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Wood". Above the signature, the word "instances" is written in a smaller, less legible hand. Below the signature, there are some faint, illegible markings.

[The following is the federal pension application.]

State of Virginia        }  
Campbell County Ss.    }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell County now sitting, Richard Daniel, a resident of the parish of Russel, in the County & State aforesaid, aged 80 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. On his oath he saith that he was first called out and entered the service of the United States, as a private, in the militia of Bedford, now Campbell County Virginia, under Captain George Caldwell, he thinks Colonel Caloway's [sic: James Callaway's] regiment; that he rendevoused at Holts old store, a place since known as Reeds[?] Store, on falling river in said County, served part of a three months tour, but before the time was out, orders were given that all might go home, but to be allowed the full service of three months time; and not to again called upon until their turn again came round.

That he next served as a volunteer, in the militia of said County, under Captain Wm. Jones, in Colo. Charles Lynches' [sic: Charles Lynch's] regiment, and marched with said regiment to North Carolina, in the year 1781, was in the battle of Guilford, and there received a wound that disabled him from further service during that Campaign: after he had partially recovered returned home, on leave of his colonel by himself, and paid 60 dollars for a horse to bring him home not being able to walk from his said wounds. This was a three months tour.

that his next service was only two weeks time, employed to guard the military stores and magazine at Halls Store in said County; and he was afterwards called out, and served also in the militia of said County two weeks more to guard the magazine at New London in said County. these two last mentioned periods were also in the company of said Captain Caldwell. That his time of service in all, was seven months. He has lost his discharge, if he ever had any in writing; he knows of no living witness who can testify as to said services. that he has no written evidence of any sort of his services,

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 whatever.

Richard Daniel

The Interrogatories put to Richard Daniel a revolutionary Soldier of Campbell County to be attached to his declaration made out before the County Court of Campbell. By the Court.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Chesterfield Co. Va. I cant tell in what year, as I'm an unlearnt man: but I can tell pretty near how old I am. if I live till Apl. next I shall be 81 years old; as I was 16 years old when I moved from Chesterfield to Campbell [formed from Bedford in 1782]; and that was before the revolutionary war.

2<sup>d</sup> Have you any record of your age?

Ans. I have none.

3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Ans. I was when called out to serve living in this, Campbell County, was then Bedford Co. where I now live, & have lived ever since.

4 How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Ans. I was called by my number the first time, drafted I suppose, next time I volunteered under Capt. Wm. Jones; the next time I rec'd orders to guard the magazine at Holts old store.

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I served under Major John Caloway [John Callaway], and Colo. Charles Lynch, both of Bedford Co. but I don't [know] whether they were regular officers or not. Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael

Greene] commanded at the Battle of Guilford, where I fought. I do not recollect any more things than what I have mentioned before, in my declaration.

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

Ans. I rec'd. no discharge; I went in next morning after the Battle of Guilford to Colo. Lynch; and asked for a discharge; and he replied that he had been very busy all night in writing, could not write one then; but said I might go home, as there was no danger, nobody would arrest a wounded and crippled man like me.

7 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 the belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. John Alexander, David Callahan, Henry Brown, Edmund Johns, William Nixon[?], and Wm. King.