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Pension application of Joseph Denny S8323

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North Carolina Guilford County: County Court February Term A.D. 1833

On this 17 day of February personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting the same being a Court of record Joseph Denny a resident of the United States in the County of Guilford & State aforesaid aged seventy-five years, who being 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 hereinafter stated.

That about the middle of December 1779 or '80 he drafted in a company commanded by Capt. Frost and Lieut. Hancock and marched from Rockingham County in this State directly to Charleston South Carolina and took up winter quarters in Charleston and continued there until the 4th of April following when he then received a discharge from his Capt. which he has long since lost -- that he then returned home -- that the next fall he volunteered in the company of Capt. Andrew Willson and served some times in his company and sometimes in the Company of Capt. O'Neal and was used to counteract the scouting parties sent out by the British while on Dan River Virginia and in Rockingham, Orange and Guilford counties that he does not recollect how long he was thus engaged but thinks at the least two months -- in the latter part of June 1781 he volunteered and marched under Capt. Robert Bell with other Companies from the neighboring counties to Camden SC joined the regular Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and marched over the Wateree [River] to the Eutaw Springs in which battle he was engaged and believes it was on the eighth of September 1781 -- that the battle commenced early in the morning and very quickly became general -- that after the battle with about 300 of the enemy taken prisoners he was marched to Rowan County North Carolina -- that during the battle he and his company were placed under the command of a French Col. called he believes Malbidy [sic, Malmedy] -- that he was discharged Rowan County and came home after being on service of three months -- that he always served as a private and although from old age and the loss of memory he is unable to state the precise length of his service yet he must have served not less than eight months, that he was born in Ireland and brought by his parents when a child to America that he settled in Chester County Pennsylvania where he lived until 1772 and then moved with his parents to North Carolina Guilford County where he has lived ever since. That he knows of no one now living whom he can procure to testify from personal knowledge to his service that he is known to Rev. William Paisley and Andrew Donnell who can and are willing to testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services -- that at last August Term of our County Court he filed a declaration containing in substance the above and had it forwarded

to the War department -- that not long since he has been informed that his representative the Honorable [paper torn text missing] Sheppard has made [paper torn text missing] at the department, is unable to find them, concluded that they are lost or mislaid and advises him to send this -- that he has now no documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State and relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court

S/ A. E. Hanner, CCC

S/ Joseph Denny

[William Paisley, a clergyman, and Andrew Donnell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]