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Pension Application of Henry Geasey S8554

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State of Maryland Frederick County set:

On this 14th day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of Frederick County Court now sitting Henry Geasey a resident of Frederick County and State aforesaid and aged seventy seven 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 entered the service of the United States as a private in a company commanded by Captain Ambrose first Lieutenant Peter Shober which was drafted in Frederick County and State aforesaid and marched under his command to Philadelphia where we joined the regiment commanded by Major Benj. Ogle [Benjamin Ogle]. Col. Beatty or Col. James Johnson and served under Gen. [William] Smallwood in the battle of Quibble Town [Quibbltown NJ, 22 Jun 1777] after which his time of service two months having expired he returned to Frederick County.

That he entered the service a second time in the County and State aforesaid as a drafted militia man in a company commanded by Captain Ogle and marched under his command to Philadelphia where we joined the regiment commanded by Col Beatty and fought under the command of Gen Smallwood in the battles of German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] and the white House [probably skirmish at White Horse Tavern, 16 Sep 1777] and of Brandywine [4 Oct 1777] soon after which his second term of service of two months having expired he returned again to Frederick County aforesaid his place of residence:

That he was a third time drafted for nine months service. In this last tour of duty he has forgotten the name of his Captain and recollect the names of none of his field officers except that of Major Shields and Gen. Smallwood under whose command we took shipping at George Town [Georgetown] in the [later] district of Columbia and were landed in Virginia. He has forgotten the names of places where the troops were stationed but recollects we partook of the battle at York Town and were present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered the fort under his command [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. At the expiration of the nine months he was again discharged and returned to his former place of residence where he has remained since.

He has forgotten whether he ever received a written discharge at the close of either of the above tours of duty. If he did it is lost.

He knows no person who served with him during the Revolutionary war who can testify concerning his services from personal knowledge. Neither does he know a Clergyman who resides in his immediate vicinity who can be produced in Court to testify in his behalf.

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 the agency in any State.

NOTE: On 11 Dec 1833 Geasey's application was returned with the objection that militia tours were never for more than three or four months each. In September 1834 he was issued a certificate for a pension of \$20 per year for six months of service.