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Pension application of James Riley S9061

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State of Georgia Elbert County

On this 19th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before William H. Crawford Judge of the Inferior Courts of the Northern Circuit of said State, now sitting for Elbert County, James Riley, resident of the State of Georgia and Elbert County aforesaid aged seventy-three or four 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 herein stated.

That he was drafted in Amherst County State of Virginia in the Month of March in the year 1777 or '78, he thinks for 3 months, after serving that Tour was discharged, and was again drafted the same year, and served under Colonel Francis Taylor, that he resided in Amherst County State of Virginia when he entered the service, was mostly employed in guarding prisoners, was discharged from the service he thinks at the expiration of 3 months,

Also that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered for two years in the service of the United States under Captain Miller, and commanded by Colonel Bratton, in the month of March 1780, and was discharged at the expiration of two years, that he resided in the State of South Carolina Camden district when he entered in this Service joined his Regiment, on the Congaree River in South Carolina, from thence marched towards Charleston hearing that place was besieged by the Enemy; retreated to Santee River, from thence to the frontiers of South Carolina from the frontiers to Rocky Mount in said State, where Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] took command, and made an attack on a party of the British at that place, making no impression on them was obliged to retreat to the frontiers, from the frontiers marched to the Hanging Rock, and attacked the British and a large body of Tories posted at that place, retreated from thence to the frontiers, from the frontiers to the Congaree River, and fired at the British across said River, Marched from Congaree River to Tiger River at a place called Black Stocks [sic, Blackstock's], and had an engagement, with the Enemy, from thence to Charlotte in North Carolina, from thence after the areas marching and countermarching to Ninety Six in South Carolina, continued in service to the end of the War, he was acquainted with Colonel Francis Taylor, Colonel Sumter, Colonel Bratton, Major Winn, and Captain Moffit of the Volunteers. --

He was born in Amherst County State of Virginia in the year 1858 or 59, he has no record of his age, there was a record of it in a Bible which is burnt. When drafted in the service the 2

first tours he then lived in Amherst County State of Virginia. When volunteered in service the last Tours he lived in Camden district in the State of South Carolina & resided in South Carolina about 2 years after the Revolutionary War. Since that time have resided in Elbert County in the State of Georgia. He was drafted into service the 2 first Tours, the 3rd tour volunteered in the service, The names of some of the Officers who were in the troops with them were, Colonel Francis Taylor, Colonel Sumter, Colonel Bratton, Major Winn and Captain Moffitt, before the last named officers was of the volunteers, was mostly engaged in guarding the prisoners marching and fighting the Enemy. That he received 3 discharges which is all lost or destroyed, the last discharge which he received was signed by Colonel Bratton the others he does not recollect by whom.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my Character for Veracity and the belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution hard James Thinks, James Jones, Colonel David Dobbs, William White, Wiley Thompson.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Houston, Clerk

S/ James Riley, X his mark

[Thomas Hearn, a clergyman, and George Eavenson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: on April 15, 1842, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension payments to the agency of Mississippi, his having moved to Marshall County Mississippi.]