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Pension Application of Leroy Canaday S9156

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State of Virginia Madison County SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before Charles R Gibbs a Magistrate in and for the County of Madison (Virginia) now setting (to take down the declaration of Leroy Canady who is unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity) Leroy Canady a resident of Madison County in the State of Virginia aged seventy five years the 25 of March 1833 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

In the months of June or July 1778 I was drafted in the County of Essex where I then resided to perform a tour in the Militia the length of which I am at some loss to say I marched under the command of Capt. John Henshaw I marched to the vilage on the Rappahannock called Hobs-hole [sic: Hobbs Hole at present Tappahannock on Rappahannock River] for the purpose of protecting the place against the depredations of a Piratial Vessel under the command of a man by the name Goodridge who had been the means of depriving their owners of several hundred negroes and had taken a vessel then lying at Hobs-hole loaded with wheat This vessel we succeeded in retaking with the loss of only one man killed. The vessel we took to a place of greater security in the River near Hobs-hole and protected from the Pirate Goodridge. In the course of the next year I was again detailed in a regular way to perform a tour the length of which I cant say with any thing like certainty nor can I rember the name of the Captain but this I can say with certainty that the object of the Tour was to defend the plantations on Rappahannock against the Enemys marauding vessels – and though I speak of but two Tours in those years yet in fact I was held to march at a moments warning and often had to make short tours of observation some times four or five days and at other times not more than one or two. I claim only three months for all the above believing it to be more than the double of it; that I was actually from my home and business

In the year 1781 I remooved from the County of Essex (Va) to the County of Culpeper and in the months of April or May I was drafted for a Tour of three months under Capt. Elijah Kirtley and march to the tide water Country and joined that part of the American Army under the Command of Gen'l. Lafayette at that time near the Groundsquirrel Bridge in the County of Hanover [Ground Squirrel Bridge on South Anna River at crossing of present US33 20 mi above Richmond] and after various marches and counter marches the american Army had to retreat to the direction of Raccoon ford in the County of Culper [sic: on Rapidan River, late May] where the troops under Gen'l. Wayne formed a junction with the Army under Lafayette [10 Jun] the Army then marched in the same direction it had so latly retreated from by cuting a new road [Marquis Road] observing the motions of the Enemy and finally the Brish Army delined to give battle. In the makeing the above Road my strenght enabled me fell the forest trees with great success. I was finally discharged from this tour at a place called Malbin-hills something like thirty miles below Richmond [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond]

In the months of July or August 1781 and in a short time after reaching home from the performance of the above Tour I was again drafted for a Tour of three months under the Command of Capt. William Watts I marched to the neighbourhood of Williamsburg and attached to the Regiment under the command of Colo. James Barbour from thence to Yorktown and reached just in time to hear the firing from the first cannon [28 Sep]. On the next day my business was in the trenching with spade shovel and Pick Axe. I have the consolation of believing that in the siege of Yorktown my bodily labour was as severe; and as chearfully exerted in the cause of my Country; as any soldier belonging to the Army. I claim a Soldiers compensation for Nine months Services.\* He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declairs that his name is not on the pension Roll

of the Agency of any State

\*I have no documentary evidence except Humphrey Major [sic: Humphrey Majors, pension application S5723] and Adam Rouse Certificates who were both in service with me a part of the time The discharges from yours in the militia long since lost

[signed] Leroy Canaday

I would refer to the following gentlemen To Wit my nearest neighbour Capt Churchill Gibbs, Capt Angus Rucker [S19068], Col. Linn Banks and Gen'l. William Madison [W9944]. Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

[signed] Leroy Canaday

I Adam Rouse of the County of Madison in the State of Virginia; aged seventy years do hereby certify that I was drafted from the County of Culpeper in the year 1781 It was the only tour I perform'd. I well remember that Leroy Canaday was in the same mess with me at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia I take pleasure in saying that I have been well acquainted with Leroy Canaday ever since the year 1781 and that he is a man of great respectability. Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

[signed] Adam Rouse

Virginia Madison County To Wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Leroy Canady who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise lenth of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the grade of Soldier – and under the officers and at the periods stated in my declaration to which this is amendatory That is nine months and for such service I claim a pension. Given under my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833.

[signed] Leroy Canaday

NOTE: Humphrey Majors stated that he had served with Canaday on the two tours in 1781.