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Pension Application of James Clatterbuck S9179

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Virginia Madison County SS

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Madison now setting James Clatterbuck a resident of Madison County and State of Virginia aged Seventy two 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 Acts of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

that he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated

In the year 1776 or 1777 It was as well as my memory serves me the first draft that took place from the County of Culpeper in Virginia an acquaintance of mine by the name of Elijah Beckum was drafted for a Tour of three months and I substituted myself for him. The Company to which I was attached was Commanded by Capt. Wm. Bradley [William Bradley] The Regiment I believe was Commanded by Col. Alcock I marched to Hunters Fource [sic: Hunter's Forge] and Falmouth and remained in and near those places occasionally keeping a look out on the Potomac and Reppehannoc [sic: Rappahannock] Rivers, At the expiration of the three months I served for Beckum my own Tour came on and I had to continue in the same service on my own account for another three months On further reflection I believe the first tour was on my own account and the next Tour was the one that I was Beckams substitute. The last tour was under Capt. Wm Staunton [William Staunton] and my impression and belief is that Col. Edward Stevens, (shortly after Gen'l. Stevens) commanded the Regiment to which I was attached It was not many months after I returned from performing this last Tour that I was again drafted for a Tour. I cannot say whether it was Two or three months, from the County and State I was first drafted, The Captain to whoes Company I was attached this third was Commanded by Capt. Rob't. Pollard [Robert Pollard] The Col of the Regiment I can recollect the Troops with which I served this third Tour was Commanded by Gen'l. Mathews [possibly Col. Sampson Mathews] I march this third Tour to the neighbourhood of Williamsburg in Virginia and a part of the time stationed at Sandy point on James River during my stay at and in the neighbourhood of Sandy Point their was a small engagement with the Enemy. The Regular Troops were principally concerned

It was I think in the year 1779 [sic] that I was again drafted for a Tour in the militia from the County and State I resided in when first drafted This was my fourth Tour The Company to which I was attached was Commanded by Capt. John Waugh The Col of the Regiment has escapes my memory at this time From Culpeper County in Virginia I marched to the neighbourhood of Richmond Va. and in that section joined the Troops under Gen'l. Mathews The American and British army during this my fourth Tour came in contact at Petersburg Virginia and I have the consolation of believing that my duty as a soldier was faithfully performed during the Engagement [probably Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] I discharged my musket thirteen times and at last had to retreat and destroy a Bridge in our rear The facts of this Engagement and many other incidents are verry fresh in my memory but for want of Education the days the dates the name of the officers and other occurances are floating[?] in my mind somewhat in confusion

It was in the year 1780 or 1781 that I was again drafted for a Tour of Two or three months I don't remember which from the County and State I resided in when first drafted. The Capt to whoes Company I was attached was commanded by Capt. Gillerson The Troops with which I served this Tour was under the Command of Gen'l. Edard Stevens during this my fourth Tour I was marched to the State of South Carolina and remarched a short time in and near Monks Corner [sic: Moncks Corner] The Enemy at this time had possession of Charleston and without being able to effect any thing of much moment we had to take up the line of march back to Virginia – hard marching and hard times were at this time quite familiar

to me – Yet I cant for my life say the month or the date of the begining or end of this tour. In the month of August or Sep. 1781 I was again drafted for a Tour of three months from the County and State I resided in when first drafted. I was again attached to the Company under the Command of Capt. Pollard, and again Commanded by Gen'l. Stevens I marched to the neighbourhood of Richmond and thence to the vicinity of Yorktown, and was present at the commencement of the Siege [28 Sep 1781], and actively engaged from the begining to the end [19 Oct] After the surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis I was engaged in guarding the prisoners to Winchester Virginia, where I was discharged by Gen'l. Stevens. The discharge from this and other Tours long since lost. The whole of my service so far as I can now remember is Fifteen months – but one fact I well remember I was absent from home in performing the deferent Tours more than Two years, and how to account for my not being able to remember more than I do is what astonishes me

I was born in the County of Caroline Va. and have resided in Madison County and Culpeper from a Boy. I have no record of my age but have no doubt that the account given here is corret. The affidavits of Mason Colvin [pension application S9198] & Humphrey Major [Humphery Majors, S5723] are herewith referred to. My neighbours William Kemper Col. Henry Hill and John Massey are referred to as to my character and standing in society.

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

James hisXmark Clatterbuck

Virginia Madison County ToWit

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Clatterbuck who being duly sworn deposeseth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length 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, For the years mentioned in my declaration to which this is an amendment, I seved not less that fifteen months, and for such service I claim a Pension

1 Where and in what year were you born

– Answer Culpeper County Virginia. I am in my seventy third year

2 Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

– Answer I have no record of my age – if I had could not read it

3 Where were you living when called into service, Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

– Answer I lived in Culpeper County when called into service, I have lived in Culpeper and Madison County ever since the beginning of the Revolutionary War

4 Question

I have answered in the Body of my Declaration

5 Question

Answered in the Body of my Declaration

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

Answer The discharges were given me by the Catains named in my Declaration

7 Question. answered in the Body of my Declaration to which this amendment is an appendage, Given under my hand and seat this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1833.

James hisXmark Clatterbuck