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Pension Application of James Courtney S9265

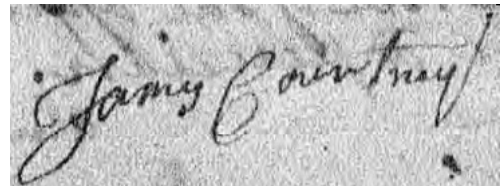
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The State of Mississippi } Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed
Simpson County SS. } June 7th 1832.
In the Circuit Court }
At October Term 1832 }

On this the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Edward Turner Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Simpson and State of Mississippi now sitting James Courtney a resident of the said County of Simpson and State aforesaid aged sixty eight 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 seventh 1832.

That he the said James Courtney entered the service of the united States about the year 1779 as a volunteer soldier in the Virginia militia under one Capt. Joseph Cole not for a definite period but to remain until discharged by his officers and that at that time he continued in said service but for a short time say a few months. That he afterwards volenteered and entered said service again under one Capt. Robert Edmurson [sic: Robert Edmondson] and marched down Holston River to what was called Wolf Hills, continued but a short tour and was discharged. He recollects that he volenteered and served one short compain under Capt. William Edmurson [sic: William Edmondson]. And that he volenteered under the said Robert Edmurson for a period of twelve months to march to Charleston South Carolina and entered said service and continued in the said County of Washington in the State of Virginia in readiness and daily expecting orders to march to Charleston as aforesaid for the term of at least three months, and during said period of three months he continued in said service in a state of discipline and readiness to march at a minutes warning until orders came to the officers under whom he was placed that they were not to march to Charleston whereupon said officers discharged their men. That during the period of about three years in the latter part of the revolutionary war he the said James Courtney when he was not actually engaged in said service stood as a minute man ready to march at the shortest notice and frequently marched on short excursions, the particulars of which he has almost entirely forgotten. That he recollects of serving under Maj Outlaw and Col. William Campbell. That he does not recollect that he ever received a discharge from said service. That he believes he served as a volenteer soldier as aforesaid all the said service. That he was living when called into said service in the County of Washington in the State of Virginia. That he was born in the year 1764 on the 17th October in Craven County (British style) in the State of South Carolina and has resided since the revolutionary war in in the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi where he now resides in Simpson County. That he is known in his present neighbourhood to Brice Miller, Edmond Barren and Rev'r. James Powell and others, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their believ of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And that he the said James Courtney hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State of the union.

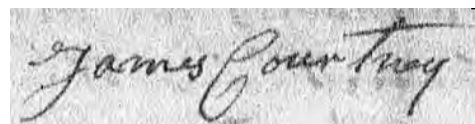
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Courtney". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

The State of Mississippi } In the Court of Probate
Simpson County ss } At May Term 1833

Supplementary declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the honorable Bruster H. Jayne Judge of the court of Probates of the County of Simpson and State aforesaid now sitting James Courtney a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 69 years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made by him in the Circuit Court of said County on the 15th day of October 1832. which is hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1779 he the said James Courtney volunteered and entered the service of the united States as a private soldier under Captain Joseph Cole Major Outlaw and Major Lewis, Col. William Campbell and Col. Edmurston officers of the united States in Washington County, Virginia and served under said officers with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority for the period of three months during which time he was principally engaged in garding the fronteer of that country; but in what particular regiment he served he cannot now recollect by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory. That in the year 1780 he volunteered again and entered said service of the united States in the said County of Washington under the same officers above named except that Capt. Cole had resigned his commission which was confered on William Edmurston who served as Captain of the company in which he served in which last mentioned engagement he served in said war with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority under the officers aforesaid for the period of nine months in which said time he marched with said troups to New River to what was called Walling's botton [sic: Wallen's Bottom] on an expedition against the Tories and that afterwards during said last mentioned period of nine months service he marched with said corps from the said County of Washington to Kings mountain in South Carolina where a severe engagement ensued between said troups and the Tories under command of Col. Forgason [sic: Maj. Patrick Ferguson, 7 Oct 1780] & that said Furgason was killed and his men generally taken prisoners and that the said James Courtney was not himself in said engagement but on gard near that place and that in said engagement Captain William Edmurston was killed by the Tories. After which battle at Kings mountain he the said Courtney together with said corps returned to the said County of Washington where Robert Edmurston received the Commission of Captain in place of his uncle William Edmuston who had fell at the battle on Kings mountain. He recollect marching afterwards while in said service from Washington County to what was called Wolf Hills as stated in his declaration of 15th Oct'r 1832.

That in the Spring of the year 1781 he the said James Courtney volunteered and entered the said service of the united States under the command of the said Robert Edmunston as Captain and the other general and field officers in the former part of this declaration mentioned for the period of twelve months to march with said corps from the said County of Washington to Charleston South Carolina that he remained with said troups in in the said County of Washington in said service under the circumstances in the annexed declaration of 15th October 1832 mentioned for the period of three months when he was discharged as in said declaration set forth. That the above mentioned periods of service was performed by the said James Courtney as there stated with embodied corps of soldiers of the government called into service by competent authority.



[From Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com. The file jacket is inscribed "Not Half Pay."]

The State of Mississippi } On this 24 day of April A.D. 1854 before me the Undersigned an
County of Rankin ss } acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and State, duly
authorized by law to administer Oaths and take acknowledgements for general purposes in the County of

Rankin and State of Mississippi, Isaac Courtney, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the son of James Courtney deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, he states that the said James Courtney died on or about the 10th day of July 1846 and that he was a Citizen of the County of Simpson in the said State of Mississippi and had been admitted to the Pension Roll and was paid at the Agency at Jackson Mississippi, he states that this declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension due and unpaid the said James Courtney up to the period of his death, he further states that the wife of said James Courtney died several years prior to the death of his father And that he is the surviving son of said James Courtney. [Power of attorney follows.] [signed] Isaac Courtney