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Pension application of John Hammon S9559

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State of Ohio, County of Hamilton

On this sixth day of October A. D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County aforesaid, now sitting John Hammon a resident of Cincinnati in said County & State, aged seventy-five 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 7, 1832.

“That he entered the service of the United States, as a militia men in the year 1777 at the age of 16 years, under the command of Captain Benjamin Cleveland, in Wilkes County on Roaring River in North Carolina, from thence he marched to Watauga, at the mouth of Doe River, where he was stationed for the space of three months, under the same commander, with a guard of about thirty men, to protect the inhabitants against the Tories and Indians. From this place, after three months had expired, the deponent returned to his mother's residence, with his commander: on the return of said Cleveland, he was promoted to a Colonel's commission; and his brother Larkin Cleveland took his place as Captain. Shortly after that time, deponent marched out under the command of said Colonel Cleveland, who then had the charge of three or four hundred men, to the Catawba River, on a scouting party, in which more than a month was spent: during this tour, in a skirmish with the Tories, the said Captain Cleveland had his thigh broken by a ball, and being unable to perform his duty, Martin Gambrel was chosen Captain in his stead.

After the tour was accomplished – the deponent, under the orders of the same Colonel Cleveland, and Captain Gambrel, marched to King's Mountain, in which battle the deponent fought. Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], being the eldest officer on the ground, took the command; after being three times driven down the side of the mountain, the British & Tories were finally defeated, and their army taken prisoners; after the battle the deponent returned home with his officers, and during his absence, had served more than one month.

Shortly after the deponent's return, Col Cleveland & said Capt Gambrel raised another party of men; among whom was deponent, and marched them to New River,

where they remained hunting the Tories, fifteen or sixteen days – while the party was out, three Tories were captured, one of whom by the name of Ingraham [Ingram?] having used some severe language to the said Captain Gambрил, was killed with the breach of said Gambрил's gun; in consequence of which said Col Cleveland, immediately suspended said Gambрил from his command and John Morgan was appointed in his stead. Under said Morgan, deponent marched to the New River the second time, where he spent, under arms about one fortnight. These were a part of the more remarkable incidents in which deponent was engaged. He also marched with Colonel Lenoir [William Lenoir], to join General Greene [Nathanael Greene], but the troops were ordered back before they met the Army. Deponent further saith that he served in the war of the Revolution more than one year during which time he was actively engaged as a militia man. Deponent before the closing [of] the war, moved to Kentucky and settled at Bryant's Station; and in the year 1782, joined Colonel Benjamin Logan at Clear Creek and having crossed the Ohio marched against the Shawnee Towns, which were burned, and thirty or more prisoners taken, which was taken to Danville in Kentucky.

This deponent has no documentary evidence of his service in the Revolution. He is poor, decrepit and helpless, has resided for the last 10 years in Cincinnati aforesaid.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ W. H. Harrison, Clerk H. C.

S/ John Hammon, X his mark

At the same time & place, in open Court as aforesaid personally appeared Colby Holbrook, who resides in Owen County Kentucky but who has come to this place to verify so far as he can the declaration of said John Hammon above made – said Colby being duly sworn according to law deposeseth & saith that he was born in Orange County in Virginia in the year 1769; that he lived in the neighborhood of John Hammon aforesaid when he went out as [a] militia man with Col Cleveland in the Revolutionary War: that deponent was then about eight or nine years old, and distinctly remembers when John Hammon went out as aforesaid: the term of said Hammon's service, and the time of service he performed, this affiant cannot state: that he does know that he has always understood from the comrades of said Hammon and others, that he said Hammon was actively engaged as a militia man; that he was at King's Mountain, & partook in all the dangers of that battle; from what he knew himself and from what he heard at the time & since from those who served with him[, the] said Hammon, deponent verily believes, that he served as a militia man for the space of one year. He has been acquainted with said Hammon from his childhood & believes him to be a man of veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed as of the day & at the place aforesaid.

S/ W. H. Harrison, Clerk H.C.

S/ Colby Holbrook

[Robert Richardson, a clergyman and resident of the City of Cincinnati, Andrew C. Herron and Septimus Hasen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And the following interrogatories propounded by the said Court. The said John Hammon answers & says – to the first: Where, and in what year were you born? He

answers that he was born on James River, ten miles below Carter's ferry in Goochland County [Virginia] January 29, 1760.

To the second: Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? He answers and says, that his father died when the deponent was about three years of age, as he has been told by his mother. His mother died a short time before the deponent emigrated to Kentucky. He therefore has no record of his birth, as he came to the event, a young man, an adventurer, & took no evidence of his birth. At the time of her death, his mother, who had married the second time, resided in Wilkes County North Carolina.

To the third: Where were you living been called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer: He was living in Wilkes County, North Carolina on Roaring , at the foot of the Blue Ridge when called into service; since the Revolution, he has resided in Kentucky, Indiana & Ohio and now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

To the fourth: At how was you called into service? Answer: He was several times a volunteer, was once drafted, & never served as a substitute.

To the fifth: State the names of some of the regular officers who was with the troops where you served &c. He answers, that he never served with the regular troops or under regular officers: the officers was all of the militia, & the Regiments militia – of the militia officers, Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, Colonel Campbell, Shelby & McDowell at King's Mountain – Captain Cleveland, Morgan & Gambriel – for the circumstances of his services, he refers to his declaration.

To the sixth: -- He states he does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service, if he ever did, it is lost.

Two the seventh – He names, Robert Richardson-- Septimus Hason & Andrew C. Herron.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & in open court as aforesaid.

S/ W. H. Harrison, Clerk H. C.

S/ John Hammon, X his mark

[The court's findings in support of the application is signed by William Henry Harrison, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Hamilton, Ohio]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]