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Pension Application of James Caruthers W1224

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The State of Tennessee } Ss
Blount County. }

Be known, that on this 13th day of May in the year of Our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me David McKamy one of the acting Justices of the peace, duely commissioned and to hold the court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for Blount County James Caruthers, who from old age and bodily infirmity is unable to appear before me at the regular sitting and sessions of the said Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of said County, aged 73 years since the 5th day of April last, who being first duely sworn doth, on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pass'd June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated

This applicant was drafted, in Augusta county in the State of Virginia, and mustered into service on the 25th day of August in the year 1778 in the Town of Staunton State aforesaid under the command of Captain David Bell, who commanded a Company of Drafted Militia, and was marched to Warricks Fort in Greenbrier County Virginia [sic: Warwick Fort near present Green Bank in Pocahontas County WV]; and remained there to guard that fort from the depredations of the Shawnees tribe of Indians, who infested with savage cruelty the Country about the above named fort, and remained there in service until the time for which he was drafted expired which was for three months – when he was discharged and returned home; he, however, received no written discharge.

Again, on the [blank] day of May 1781 he was drafted in the said County of Augusta, State of Virginia, and was mustered into service under the command of Captain Frances Long [sic: Francis Long], (who commanded the militia), for three months who belonged to the Regiment of Col. Hoggart [sic: Thomas Hughart] and Col McCrary [sic: Col. John McCreery] in the Brigade of Genl. [William] Campbell, who was the Commander in chief of some two or three regiments at that time, and marched to the City of Richmond Va. where they expected to have found Lord Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis]. however before the army reached that place Lord C. W. had evacuated the City. he (applicant) was then marched down to Don Castle as it was then called [possibly Doncastle's Tavern 12 mi W of Williamsburg], where he remained for some time, he was then marched, under the officers aforesaid, to a place, which is yet fresh in his memory called Hot Water, where on the 26 of June 1781 the Battle was fought, he was in the Battle and unfortunately was defeated. He was then marched back to Don Castle where he remained but a few days, and was then marched to Jamestown, where his regiment, or the regiment to which he belonged joined the Army of General [Anthony] Wayne and on the 6th of July 1781 was in the Battle at that place [Green Springs Plantation] where the Americans were again a "little defeated".

During the tour of 3 months of which he is now speaking he was in both the Battles of Hot Water and Jamestown. He was again marched back to Don Castle where he remained a few weeks; from there he was marched to Westham five miles above Richmond on James River and cross'd and marched to the Appomatox [sic: Appomattox] River, and cross'ed it on a Bridge called "Good's Bridge" [sic: Goode's Bridge], – he remained there ten days Genl Waynes and Campbells armies were still together. From there he was marched to Petersburg Va. then back to Westham. He was then marched about 15 miles below Richmond to a place called Bottom Bridge [Bottoms Bridge] the three months for which was drafted having expired he was discharged and returned home.

And on the 19th day of September in the year 1781 He was again drafted for three months and

was mustered into service in the said County of Augusta, State of Va. by the same Captain Frances Long under the comand of Maj McKee in the Regiment of Col Jacob Warrack [sic: Jacob Warwick] and was marched to York, where the regiment joined General George Washing [sic: George Washington] Major General of the United States Army, and was commanded by him as commander in chief until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallace, which was on Thursday the 18th or 19th day of October 1781 [Friday, 19 Oct 1781]. He was then marched to guard the prisoners to the Barracks four miles north of Winchester and remained there a considerable lenght of time after an other guard came to take charge of the Prisiners He was then marched to various places through the State of Virginia until he was discharged, having fully served out his term of service which was for three months. As to the different grades in which he served it was all performed as a private in the militia. From the foregoing it can be seen clearly he served nine months – Three months the frist tour – three the second, and three the third; and was in three Battles – one at Hot Water on the 26 June '81, at Jamestown 6 July – and at the surrender of Lord Corn Wallis the 18th or 19th of Oct'r 1781.

He was born in Chester County State of Pennsylvania on 5th day of April in the year 1760. And at the early age of about 10 years removed with his fathers family to Augusta County Virginia, where he resided at the time he was called into service. He still has in his possession the record of his age, From Augusta County Va. He removed to the State of Tennessee and has resided in the same ever since, he has resided in Blount County for about 30 years and still does reside in the same. He never receivd a written discharge for any of his services. Nor has he any documentary evidence whereby he can in any manner authenticate the same. Nor is there in living witness now in his knowledge, by whom he can prove the same or any part thereof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the Union

As to the different grades in which he served – all his services were performed as a private in the Militia and was for nine months –

As to some of the persons in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character as a man of veracity, and their belief of his services in the revolution – He can state James McKamy, David McKamy Esqr., Thomas Maxwell, James Hamill James Houston and James Berry and the Revr. Isaac Anderson &c, &c, & Rev John C Wilson
[signed] James Caruthers

NOTE: On 21 Feb 1853 Margaret Caruthers, 84 years old on the following June 1, applied for a pension stating that she married James Caruthers in Staunton VA in 1806, that they moved to Blount County in the fall or winter of the same year, and that he died on 13 Jan 1846. Her statement was certified by James A Culton and David Caruthers. The Clerk of Augusta County stated that no record could be found of the marriage of James Caruthers and Margaret Jackson.