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Pension Application of Joseph Burch W12388

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The declaration of Joseph Burch in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 On this 20th day of August 1832 Joseph Burch personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Scott County Resident of said County and State of Kentucky aged sixty nine years the 28th June 1832 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 of the 7th June 1832.

The s'd. Joseph Burch states that during the Revolutionary war he was a resident Citizen of Albemarle county state of Virginia – that during the s'd revolution he s'd Burch served four tours of militia duty two months each making in all 8 months. The first tour was in the year 1779 or 80 under Capt James Garland or Capt John Miller – Col Holt Richardson commanded the corps. marched to Richmond from that to Petersburg thence to Cabin Point on James River [in Surry County] & remained till 2 months expired. The second tour under Capt Leak [sic: Mark Leake]; Col [illegible] Linsey [sic: Reuben Lindsay] commanded the Corps which was the first Va. Regt; the Marquis Lafayette commanded all the forces when we united with the army – Genl [Anthony] Wayne joined us on Rapid Ann at the Raccoon Ford [sic: Rapidan River at Raccoon Ford, 8 Jun 1781]. It was in the year 1781 in the Spring. The 3'd. tour was the same year of 1781 under Capt James Garland. He was stationed at the Albemarle Barracks – that his Capt was shot & killed at the Barracks by a Sentinel of his own company – remained at the Barracks the 2 months The 4th tour was at the Siege of York under Capt Benj. Harris [Benjamin Harris] – Before the surrender [of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] was stationed above Williamsburg under command of Genl. [Robert] Lawson till we went to York to join Genl. Washington & remained till the seige was over

[signed] Joseph Burch

John Garth [pension application S31056] appeared in open Court & heard the declaration of Jos. Burch read as to the four tours of his military services during the revolutionary war & made oth that they were living in the same county & state & both in the same militia company under command of Nelson Thomson [Nelson Thompson] and of course personally acquainted with the calls upon each member of the company & the s'd John Garth testifies that the declaration of s'd Burch is correct & he knows that he served the 4 tours as stated by him; David Kerr [S31186] also appeared in open Court & made oath that he lived in the same family with Jo. Burch & knows that he was frequently serving tours of militia duty but cannot say how many but has no doubt he said Burch has stated the tours correctly

[signed] John Garth [signed] David Kerr

NOTE: On 14 April 1856 Ann J. Burch, 68, of Gallatin County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Ann J. Hawkins she was married to Joseph Burch on 26 July 1838 in Scott County by James K. Burch, a Presbyterian minister, and that her husband died in December 1842 in Scott County. George W. Burch, 33, and Edmund W. Hawkins, 40, certified the claim. On an application for bounty land dated 10 March 1856 Ann J. Burch was said to be 67.