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Pension application of Leonard Rickart W26385
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State of Ohio Butler County: Court of Common Pleas July Term 1832

On this second day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Butler in the State of Ohio Leonard Rickart aged sixty-eight years a resident of the County of Butler aforesaid 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 7th 1832.

That he with his father's wagon and 2 horses were pressed into the service of the Army at Salisbury in North Carolina, deponent went with the wagon and team to Guilford Court house, it was in the month of February 1781, when arrived at Guilford he left his wagon and joined the Army. On the 15th of March deponent was in the battle of Guilford Court House. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanded the American forces, Colonel William Washington had command of the dragoons, General Butler, under whom deponent fought, commanded the militia deponent thinks General Eaton assisted in commanding the militia. Cornwallis and Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] commanded the British.

In April deponent returned home and on or about the 10th of that month volunteered to serve for 6 months in Captain Osborn's Company, and Colonel Isaacks [Isaac's?] Regiment of General Locke's brigade, he was marched first to Deep River then to Haw River where he was engaged in several skirmishes with the Tories. Deponent was at New Bern when his time expired, he received a certificate of his service signed by Colonel Isaacs and Captain Osborn which is now lost, on the expiration of the 6 months in October deponent immediately volunteered to serve 3 months under Captain Smith of Colonel Lopp's Regiment and General Locke's brigade of militia he served the month over the time for which he had volunteered, during the whole of this tour deponent was engaged in expeditions against the Tories. Colonel Fennon [sic, David Fanning], a British officer [sic, a Tory] commanded the Tories. Fennon was killed on Deep River by an American soldier. In February 1782 Captain Smith's company took forty Tory prisoners to Salisbury where they were put in jail -- deponent received a written discharge signed by Captain Smith and Colonel Lopp which is also lost. ^{He served altogether eleven months} during the war of the revolution.

After the war deponent lived in Virginia until the year 1810 when he came to Butler County Ohio where he has since resided and still resides he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services, he is however well known to James Foster, Warner Winn and others -- who reside in his neighborhood and by whom he can as he believes prove that he sustains a good character for truth and veracity and that he is reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution. Deponent has no written record of his age but states that he was born in Rowan County North Carolina on the 10th day of October 1763.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Reily, Clerk

S/ Leonard Rickart, R his mark

[James Foster and Warner Winn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Benjamin Lorrence [also spelled "Lawrence" within the same document], a clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: copy of a marriage bond issued to Leonard Rickard [sic] and John Tut, bondsmen, in Rowan County, NC, on 8th day of __, 1785, to secure the marriage of Leonard Rickard to Mary Shafer.]

[fn p. 13: on June 17 1846 in Greene County Illinois, Mary Rickart, 80 30 in February 19, 1846, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Leonard Rickart a veteran of the revolution who served under Captain Casper Smith; that she married him June 14th, 1785 in Rowan County by James McCoy Esquire; that she lived with him as his wife 55 years or over until his death and Greene County Illinois on August 22, 1839