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Pension Application of James Wornell W2892

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State of Virginia }

County of Loudoun } To Wit:

On this 16 day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Loudoun County, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, now sitting, James Wornell a resident of said County and State aged about 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 pass'd June 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: I was born in the year 1764, in the County of Charles in the State of Maryland from whence my father removed, when I was about two years old, to the County of Loudoun in the state of Virginia, and settled in the neighbourhood where I now reside and where I have resided ever since my father's removal from Maryland. My age is recorded in my father's Bible, which was given to my oldest sister; it is also recorded in my own.

In the year 1780 I entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer, and was enrolled under Capt. Daniel Figgins [sic: Daniel Feagan], John Russell first Lieutenant and Mathew Rust second Lieutenant. We joined the regulars at Chesterfield Court House. Gen'l. Mulinsburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] I think was our Commanding officer. We were then taken to a place called Sleepyhole ferry [Sleepy Hole Ferry on Nansemond River now in Suffolk City] about fifteen miles below Cabbin Point [sic: about 40 miles below Cabin Point on James River in Surry County], under an expectation, as I was afterwards informed, that Arnold would land at or about that place [Gen. Benedict Arnold, who landed at Hampton Roads on 30 Dec 1780]. From thence we were marched up to Petersburg with an intention to go to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] in I think N Carolina to join Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan; but our Capt. then got his discharge – why we were discharged instead of going to Hillboro as we expected I do not know, or do not recollect. I got my discharge from my Capt. after I returned home. I do not know that any of my officers or companions in this tour are now alive, except Capt. George Rust of this County who was in the service with me; he now lives and has for many years lived about six miles from me. I served upwards of three months in this tour – Capt. Rust has informed me that we served three months and ten days.

In the fall of 1781 I was drafted to go in the Loudoun Militia – half the militia was called out at this time. I was enrolled under Capt. Samuel Hancock [probably Simon Hancock], George Taylor first Lieutenant and John Williams second Lieutenant. We were taken to Little York or nearly there to join Gen'l Washington. we were then ordered down the River to prevent the British from crossing over to Little York. this was as well as I can now recollect about twenty days before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – after this we were marched up the river Pamunkey, as afs'd the same and the Matopini [sic: Mattaponi] River to Gloucester [sic: Gloucester] where we were stationed until the British under Lord Cornwallis and Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] surrendered a few nights before this, perhaps two or three Washington took Pigeon Hill, a british redoubt, opposite Gloucester We then brought some prisoners, including some called the Queen's Rangers and Tarlton's Horse [Tarleton's Legion] to Noland's ferry on the Potomac River, where our Capt. was discharged, and I received my discharge from him after I returned home. Colo. George West was our commanding officer. we were under Gen'l. Weadon [sic: George Weedon] also, but Colo. West appeared to assume the command. We were in several skirmishes, but in no general engagement. I do not know that my name was enrolled any where but on my captain's Roll, and my discharge from lapse of time and negligence, not apprehending that they would ever be of any use to me, have not been preserved. In this last tour I performed the duties of Sergeant, I was informed that the prisoners were taken from Noland's ferry to Frederick Town in the State of Maryland I

do not know that any of my officers or companions in this last tour are now alive, unless a certain Spencer Davis is [pension application W5261; died 6 July 1838], who served with me in both tours, and who if alive lives in the County of Hampshire, about 60 miles from me, who is older than I am, and who from age and infirmity cannot attend Court. I feel well satisfied, and I hereby relinquish the benefit of all other pensions, except the one for which this application is made.

James hisXmark Wornell

NOTE: On 12 Feb 1848 Charlotte Wornell (signing as Sharlott Wornell), 74, applied for a pension stating that as Charlotte Jenkins she married James Wornell on 1 Dec 1793, and he died 28 Oct 1835. She stated that her father, Ezekiel Jenkins, made a record of the marriage in his Bible, which he took with him when he moved to Kentucky in the fall after the marriage. Willis Brent, born on 20 May 1779, deposed that he had attended the wedding. Henry Plaster, Sr., born in 1760, deposed that he had passed the house where Charlotte Jenkins lived and was told that she had just married James Wornell. In Feb 1852 Charlotte Wornell gave John Wornell power of attorney to obtain her pension. On an application for bounty land dated 12 Apr 1855, Charlotte Wornell's age is given as 79. On 13 Feb 1856 Charlotte Wornell applied again for bounty land, with her age said to be about 80, and the date of marriage said to have been 9 Jan 1794.