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Pension Application of John Redman W5691 Sarah Redman VA
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Virginia, Hardy County Sct.

At a Court continued & held for the said County of Hardy the 11th day of June 1823 personally appeared in open Court this day the same being a Court of record for the said County made so by the several acts of assembly of Virginia in such case made & provided, John Redman aged above sixty years resident of said County of Hardy who being sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War, Viz: that he enlisted in Winchester in Virginia about Christmas of the year [blank] for and during the War that he marched from thence with other recruits under Lieutenant Vincent Howell to Richmond in the spring of said year and was put into the regiment of horse commanded by Col. [Henry] Lee and marched from Richmond in the said year with a detachment of said regiment under Captains Hughes [possibly John Hughes] & Gun [possibly James Gunn (Gun) BLWt659-300] & said Lieutenant Howell to the South [See endnote.] that he was in the said service & lay in North Carolina at the time Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. That he was in no battle except one in the neighbourhood of Savannah with the Indians under their Chief, Sago [possibly attack by Emistisiguo at Ebenezer GA, 23 Jun 1782]. That he served four years in said regiment & was discharged in North Carolina, by s'd Captain Hughes, but has lost his discharge. That he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed affidavit of John Jenkins [pension application S36632] – And the said Declarant doth on his said oath further say as follows “I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818. and that I have not nor has any person in Trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed Viz: “Schedule of the Estate of John Redman
real Estate none – personal Estate none except necessary clothing

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And the said John Redman declares that he is by occupation a Farmer but cannot on account of his age and infirmities perform much labour. And that he has no family except his wife who is also old and very infirm

Hardy County Virginia Sct

This day personally came before me the subscriber a magistrate for the County aforesaid John Jenkins and made oath on the holy evangelist of almighty God that he knew John Redman during the Revolutionary war and that he served 2 years at least in the 1st Virginia Redg't of light Dragoons Comanded by Col'n [Anthony Walton] White as a Water [sic: Waiter] to Lieutenant Vincent Howel in the Company comanded by Capt Gun Given under my hand this 10th day of May 1823

NOTES:

A John Redman was recorded in the 1st Light Dragoons, which appears to have been part of Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion. There was also a Lt. Vincent Howell in the Virginia Cavalry. Lee's Legion was sent to the South late in 1780. Lee was at Yorktown VA at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis on 19 Oct 1781, but at least some of the Legion remained active in South Carolina. I found no record of Lee's Legion in Georgia.

On 9 Aug 1838 Sarah Redman, 80, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Redman “fifty years and upwards,” and he died 8 Oct 1836. On 4 Sep 1838 Rachel Redman, 70, stated

that she was present at the marriage of John Redman and Sarah Day. Richard Redman, 78, stated that he was present at the marriage “not more than two years after the war.” On 26 Feb 1849 Nimrod Redman, 57, applied for a pension as the son of Sarah Redman, who died 4 Nov 1848.

In the 1830 federal census for Hardy County VA, John, Richard, and Nimrod Redman are all enumerated as heads of households of “Free Colored Persons.”