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Pension Application of Claibourn Snead W7196

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At a Court of Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on monday the 24th day of May 1819. This day Claibourn Snead resident of this County aged about Sixty one years personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution sometime in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Kilpatrick of the first or second Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [sic: William Davies] of the Virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a Soldier as aforesaid upwards of Eighteen months and quit the service in consequence of a discharge which is lost or mislaid that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support which fact as respects the time of said service was supported by the testimony of Austin Seay [pension application S19341] a Witness who solemnly affirmed in open Court. and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Claibourn Snead served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common Enemy the term of Eighteen months as aforesaid and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner presented by 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" the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the department of War.

State of Virginia }
Fluvanna County to wit } On the twenty ninth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for this County proceeding according to the Course of common Law, with a "jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and expressly made a Court of record by the Laws of this State, Claibourn Snead aged Sixty one years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he entered the Service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty that he belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Kilpatrick of the first or second regiment commanded by Colo Davis of the Virginia line and continental establishment, that he served as a Soldier upwards of eighteen months and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the Eighteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and Eighteen 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 the Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit. two Tables, One Loom one Oven one Pot four Chairs 1 Skillet 2 Slays & Harness two Chests, One Spining Wheel & six plates. The said declarant further states that he is by Occupation a common labourer and rendered incapable in a great degree of bodily labour by reason of an injury by a fall from his Horse to his right arm which remains incapable of being bent. That his family consists of a wife aged about thirty nine years – four Children One a daughter aged about fifteen years another daughter aged about ten years, a son aged about seven years, and another son aged about three years – who are capable in but a small degree of contributing to their support. the said declarant further states that the number of his Original certificate is thirteen thousand

four hundred and twenty seven.

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Union Mills March 21st 1826

William C. Rives esq.

Dear Sir/ Some time past a man by the name of Claibourne Snead who resided in this Neighbourhood and who is a Revolutionary Pensioner came to us and applied to us to supply him with bread stuffs &c out of our mill &c towards supporting his family – and his wife being sick and labouring under a tedious pulmmonary complaint which confined him at home chiefly and prevented him from doing any thing himself in the way of labour to support himself and family consisting besides his sick wife of several children unable to work we agreed upon his depositing his original certificate in our hands as Security for payment of the articles his family needed to furnish them and also discharged the bill for medical attendance on his wife during her illness amounting to about \$4.00. His Wife died and after her death he went off towards Richmond and settled near that place as we are informed and has since failed to call on us for his original certificate or to discharge the debt he owes us for the articles furnished for the use of his family and for the medical bill discharged by us After waiting a long time for Snead to call on us for the certificate and pay us what he owed us or authorize us to draw his Pension for that purpose we were informed that he had invented the means of some person for him of drawing the Pension without being in possession of the original certificate and upon enquiry at the office of the Agent in Richmond found that to be the fact. The Agent upon being informed of those circumstances has refused to pay the person without his getting possession of his certificate so as to enable himself to draw it regularly. It is said that he now intends or it is supposed that he intends to apply at the Pension Office for a duplicate certificate upon the ground that the original is lost or mislaid. Believing as we are now apprised from his conduct towards us that he is a man entirely destitute of principle and capable of doing almost any thing he bein unprincipled which he may choose to do we wish to disappoint and if we can compell him to pay us what he so justly owes; upon doing which we are ready to deliver up his Certificate. he will get the favour of you if you please to make known at the Pension office as early as convenient that the original certificate is not lost or mislaid but is now in our possession and ready to be delivered to him at any time on his complyence with the conditions on which it was delivered to us. in order to prevent him thereby if practicable from gaining his object by sending a false statement to the Pension office

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Dear Sir/ Yrs respectfully/ Timberlake & Magruder

No. of Certificate is 13427

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Claborn Sneed, age 17, height 5' 6¾", light hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, planter, born and residing in Albemarle County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 20 Mar 1781.

On 26 Sep 1853 Mildred Snead, 55, applied for a pension stating that she married Claibourn Snead about 1 Mar 1829, and he died 7 Jul 1837. She stated that she was under the impression that he lived in Hanover County VA at the time of his service. With her application was a copy of a bond signed by Claibourn Snead and Thomas G. Payne on 27 Feb 1829 for the marriage of Snead to Mildred Ladd.