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Pension Application of John Fortune W7309

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Virginia Rockbridge County towit

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Sam'l. Patterson a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Fortune aged Seventy one years a resident of said county who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said John Fortune Enlisted for the term of eighteen months the date of enlistment not recollected in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia in the company commanded by Cap Chissel Barrett [sic: Chiswell Barrett] and was attached to the Reg't Commanded by Col [George] Baylor in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps untill discharged from the service in the State of Maryland the date of Discharge not recollected having lost the same that he hereby relinquishes evry claim whatever to a pension except the presant that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that some eight or nine years back I made application for the purpose of receiving the benefit of the aforesaid Acts of Congress and found that I could not be placed on the pension Roll on account of my holding property the most of which property was at that time transfered by deeds of Trust to my creditors to secure the payment of Just Debts which has since been sold to discharge the same and was inadequate thereto, and in persuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 whatever and that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 my property has been disposed of as follows

One Negro Woman Sold under Execution	To David Reedicel	1827 May	\$237 for a Debt Due Henry & Perkins
Negro Woman & three Children Sold under Deed of Trust	To Thomas E Fortune	1828	\$545 for the benefit of Rives & Brown & Perkins
Mountain Land Sold under Deed of Trust	To Thomas E Fortune	1831	\$400 for Debt Due Thomas E Fortune

And that he the said John Fortune is entirely destitute of property the above shewing the disposition of the whole of his property and that he now is entirely dependant on his son Zecheriah E Fortune for a support and now renews his application for the Bounty of his Country

John hisXmark Fortune

Amherst County towit.

William Lockart [William Lockard, pension application S38152] personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid & made oath, that he was acquainted with John Fortune during the Revolutionary war, & that the said Fortune served as a private in the 4<sup>th</sup> troop of Colo. Wm Washington [William Washington's] Cavalry, for a term of Eighteen months.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day of May 1832.

Ed. A Cabell

[On 11 Feb 1839 Nancy Fortune, about 69, of Kanawha County, applied for a pension stating that she married John Fortune on 1 Nov 1786, and he died 16 Mar 1834.]

Virginia, Nelson County to wit.

The affidavit of Alex'r McAlexander [Alexander McAlexander, pension application W5359] of lawful age, taken at the house of Thomas E Fortune in the County of Nelson this 25th day of Aug't. 1838— This affiant having been first duly sworn according to law, saith that he knows that John Fortune a soldier of the revolution, and with whom he served a term three months in the revolutionary War in the spring of 1781 before York-Town in the State of Virginia and who had been in said service before that time, as the affiant purchased the claim of his services for Eighteen months, and who served under Capt. James Barnett, Maj'r Cambell and Col [Charles] Dabney, with these officers in 1781 as above stated. This affiant did not see John Fortune and Nancy Henderson, married, but has not the smallest doubt in his own mind, but that they were legally married, as they lived near neighbours of this affiant, untill a few years of the said Fortunes dath, and never heard any doubt arise about their not having been married. They were married in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] in said State after the revolutionary War and before the year (1794) seventeen hundred and ninety four – and that his widow who is now about to apply for half pay and pension under the late act of Congress is the same Nancy to whom the said John Fortune was married as aforesaid, and that he has never heard of her marriage to any other person, since the death of the said John Fortune, and to this affidavit the said Alex'r. McAlexander has hereto subscribed his name.

[signed] Alexander McAlexander

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: John Fortune/ age 18/ height 5' 6¼"/ black hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ farmer/ born and residing in Amherst County where he enlisted as a substitute on 18 May 1781 for 18 months. Sided 22 June 1781.

George Purvis (pension application W2691) and a Stephen Henderson in Nelson County certified that Fortune had served 18 months.