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Pension Application of John Clarke W8607

Ann Clarke VA

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Washington Circuit }

On this 14th day of August 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honourable William L. Kelly Sole Judge of the Circuit Court for Washington County in Kentucky John Clarke aged seventy years the 27th day of last February last, 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 7th June 1832. That he was born in Henrico County Virginia and raised in Amherst that he entered the service of the Unties States as a militia soldier under Captain [John] Christian & he thinks Colonel James Barnett when he was about 16 years of age in Amherst County being drafted into a three months tour and was marched to Richmond and stationed there till his time was out and returned home. When he was about 17 years of age he was again drafted into the service for three months under Captain James Dillard & Colonel [Charles] Lynch and marched from Amherst to North Carolina and was in hearing of the guns at the battle of Guildford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army a few days after the battle was over. He belonged at this time to a division of about 500 riflemen under the command of Colonel Lynch. They after the battle of Guildford kept in pursuit of Cornwallis's army until his time was out which took place in North Carolina and from there he was sent home. during this last tour the division he belonged to sometimes was in company or connexion with a troop of horse under command of Col William Washington. He has no written evidence of his services and no other testimony than that of John Taylor [pension application S30730] hereto to be annexd. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above

[signed] John Clarke

[John Taylor stated that he and John Clarke had served together during the Guilford Courthouse campaign.]

NOTE: On 16 Oct 1845 Ann Clarke, aged 73 since the previous March, applied for a pension stating that she married John Clarke in Lincoln County KY on 19 May 1791, and he died on 25 Jan 1839. Nancy Sweeney, 79, sister of Ann Clark, stated that she attended the wedding, which took place at Rev. John Bailey's. Joseph Sweeney, 85, brother-in-law of Ann Clarke, stated that "he was at the house of Mrs Ann Whitten the Mother of Ann Clark when the said Ann and John Clark started to Parson Bailey to be married and tarried at the house untill the wedners returned and on their return they said they were married and the deponent assisted that night in putting them to bed together as man and wife." The file includes a copy of the minister's return.