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Pension Application of Edward Dehouse W8664

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State of Kentucky

Rockcastle County SS:

On this the 24th day of December in the year 1849 personally appeared in open court before the Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Polly Dehouse a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged ninety six years. who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July in the year 1836 & any other Acts which provide for her, granting pensions to widows of those persons who served in the war of the Revolution. That she is the widow of Edward Dehouse a soldier of Cavalry in the aforesaid war who enlisted under C. Read in Prince William County State of Virginia for during the aforesaid war and the aforesaid E Dehouse acted a portion of the time as aid to Genl George Washington and that he was at the surrender of Cornwallis (the Commander of the British forces) [sic: Cornwallis, surrendered at Yorktown VA 19 Oct 1781] also at the battle of Guilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and various other battles & continued in the service of the aforesaid war until its termination. That he received an honorable Discharge from his Commander which was burned up by the burning of Jas Dehouse's house in the year 1816. That she was married to the said Edward Dehouse in Louisa County State of Virginia on the 19th day of June in the year 1782. That her husband the aforesaid Edward Dehouse served in the aforesaid war with England or Great Briton several months after she was married to him. That there is no family record of her marriage but supposes there is a public record of it in the County and State in which she was married. That her husband the aforesaid Edward Dehouse died in the service of the late war with great Briton near the lakes of Canida in the year 1813 [at Col. William Dudley's Defeat near Maumee OH near Lake Erie, 5 May 1813]. That she has never since been married & that she still remains the widow of the aforesaid Edward Dehouse as will more fully appear by reference to the proof here to annexed That she trusts the department will grant her a pension under the aforesaid act of Congress passed July the 4th in the year 1836 and any other acts which provides for her. as to the proof of the actual service & the troop Company or Regiment in which the said E. Dehouse served and the grade he held she respectfully refers to the muster rolls on file in the war department That she has never before drew a pension for the services of her husband the aforesaid Edward Dehouse

Signed and sealed the day & date above named.

Polly herXmark Dehouse

NOTES:

A muster roll apparently from 1776 lists Edward Dehouse a Musician in Lt. Col. Charles Dabney's Legion.

A document in the file states that Edward Dehouse received bounty land for serving as a private for three years.

On 19 Jan 1850 Polly Dehouse amended her declaration, adding that she was married to Edward Dehouse by Rev. John Todd, and that Edward Dehouse served in "Capt. John Yantis Company of footmen a drum major Commanded by Col. Dudley Genl Harison" [William Henry Harrison, War of 1812].

Thomas Ramsey deposed that he had heard his father, Thomas Ramsey (pension application S35604), converse with Edward Dehouse about the latter's service, which included the surrender of Cornwallis, the Battle of Stony Point NY, 16 July 1779, and the "reduction" of Savannah GA, 11 July 1782.

Supporting statements were made by Astin Adams, John Adams, Lucy Rigsby née Adams, and Robert Rigsby. For further details about this family and their relation to Edward and Polly Dehouse, see

the pension application of John Adams (R41). Astin Adams deposed that Edward and Polly Adams raised 11 children, that he was well acquainted with George Dehouse, their oldest child born 1 Jan 1784, and that Polly Dehouse was almost blind. Lucy Rigsby deposed that during the Revolutionary War she "often slept with the aforesaid Polly Dehouse and she would be talking about the aforesaid E Dehouse saying she was affraid she would neaver see him agane they was married by one Rev. John Tood and that she well Recollect of seeing the soldiers marching side by side 2 togeather with their flag raised & I think she neaver shall forget the sight that the said Dehouse belonged to the light horse Company he stayd a few weeks when he was married to the aforesaid Polly Dehouse and returned to the war and served till its close in 1783 & know their was great Rejoicing when he come hom and told he the said Dehouse would have to gow back no moore for the war was closed with England the British was whiped... I have heard him speak of being in may Battles the taking of Cornwallice the British Commander Stonay Point, and others."