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Pension Application of Henry Grider W8874

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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

On this 23rd of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful county court of Warren now sitting, Henry Grider (alias Greider) a resident of the county & state afors'd aged 77 years 9th of May 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 provisions made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That in 1774 he left then Augusta county Virginia, (shortly after & now Rockingham) and went to the Big levels [at present Lewisburg WV] in Greenbrier and there entered the service of the United States & joined the troops under the command of General Andrew Lewis & belonged to the company of Capt Ben Harrison [Benjamin Harrison] as a private. The troops marched from there to the mouth of the Big Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha River] & there was in a battle [Battle of Point Pleasant] from about 9 O'clock A.M. untill night on the 10th of October. After which time there the troops crossed the Ohio & went on towards the indian towns, but were ordered back by Gen'l Dunmore [sic: Royal Governor Lord Dunmore] & the army returned home. Genl Dunmore had troops under his command at the mouth of the Big Hockhocking. This declarant served that tour about six or seven weeks having left home without his Father's advice or consent & joined the troops as afors'd at the Big levels not now recollecting how they had been previously ordered out – this is the best that this declarant can now designate or identify the troops or campaign or service afors'd

That in 1778 in January he entered the army of the United States again as a substitute for William McGill who was drafted and served a three months tour as Sergeant in Capt Robt Craven's [Robert Craven's] company Capt Craven's Lieutenant was by the name of George Trout, the ensign was George Murlow – this was a drafted company of Militia & went from Rockingham county Virginia to Tigers Valley [sic: Tygart Valley] to guard the frontiers, the orders were received from Coln Sampson Matthews [Sampson Mathews] at Staunton Virginia no higher officer being on this tour than a captain. After the expiration of this three months tour for which this declarant received no discharge that he recollects – this declarant volunteered under the same company officers a six months tour to guard the frontiers and went back to the same place – this six months tour was commenced in April 1778 and after being out guarding the frontiers at forts then called Hadden's [about 1 mi up Becky Creek in present Randolph County WV] and Westfalls [¼ mi south of present Beverly in Randolph County] & some others the names now forgotten . in July we were ordered back to prepare for McIntosh campaign – (Craven's company consisted of 82 men this declarant was a Sargeant this six months tour) – After being so ordered back they joined Mjr. Ben Harrison's Battallion at John Hentory Mill on Lynwells Creek and the Battallion marched from there across the South branch of the Potomac, across the Allegany [sic: Allegheny Mountain] & Monongahala [sic: Monongahela River] to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio [at present Beaver PA] which Fort was then built by s'd troops [fall of 1778]. Harrison Battallion joined the army at s'd Fort & his Battallion & [Garrett] Vanmeter's made the regiment which this declarant thinks was commanded by Coln. John Nall or All – Col [William] Crawford was there in command of a Regiment of Regulars & Genl [Lachlan] McIntosh was the principal officer & had his son for his aid. Here the six months term of service expired and this declarant received a discharge from Mjr Harrison altho the troops were not either discharged of disbanded – but this declarant retain'd his station in his company as a substitute for William Olford the Brother in law of Mjr Harrison and still acted as Sergeant after so receiveing his discharge and after so substituting about 6 weeks The troops then went from Fort McIntosh to Tuscarawa & built a fort called Fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River near present Bolivar OH, completed Jan 1779] – then returned to Fort McIntosh at which time & place the troops were disbanded & this declarant

returned home.

This respondent states his whole service as aforesaid is about ten months and two or three weeks. This declarant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service and that he has lost or mislaid his discharged received from Harrison.

[signed] Henry Grider

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] Henry Grider

In Answer further to I propounded by the court Henry Grider states in addition 1st He was born on the 9th of May 1755 in Lancaster county Pennsylvania 2 He has a record of his age copied from his father's Bible – 3rd He lived in Rockingham Virginia when called into service. He has lived in Kentucky since the revolution about 17 or 18 years near Danville & ever since in Warren County. 4 I was twice a substitute and twice a volunteer as explained in my declaration. 5. I have in my declaration stated the principal matters as to the regular officers – the troops & general service as well as I can 6 I never received a commission during the revolution nor until I came to Kentucky I have stated that I received one discharge from Mjr Harrison & it is lost or mislaid – 7th I believe my whole neighborhood will state upon oath as to my veracity and I believe most of them as to their belief of my services as a soldier, to name a few say Geo Bratton, Martin Mitchell, Robt W. Lucey and any of the old settlers

NOTE: On 7 June 1848 Elizabeth Grider of Warren County KY, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Grider on 3 Sep 1781, that he performed some military service after their marriage, and that he died 5 Feb 1843. As proof of marriage she submitted a page from her Bible with a family record written by Henry Grider and transcribed below.

MARRIAGES.

Henry Grider & Elizabeth grider was joind in wedlock on the 3rd day of September in the year 1781

BIRTHS.

Henry Grider was born on the ninth day of may in the year 1755

Elisebeth Grider was born in the 22 day of may in the year 1764

DEATHS.

Henry Grider Sr Departed this life the 5th of Feb'y 1843