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Pension application of Dempsey Carrol S32161

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State of Alabama Wilcox County

On this the twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John W Bridges presiding Judge of the County Court of the said County of Wilcox now sitting in said County of Wilcox Duncy Carroll a resident of said County and State aged Eighty-one years 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 the 7th of June in the year of our Lord 1832. That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: Viz. he was born on the twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord 1762. That when he arrived to or attained the age of sixteen he was entered on the muster roll and that it was sometime during that or the subsequent year he does not now recollect distinctly which he volunteered in the militia company of Captain Michael Kinian [sic, Michael Kenan?], the commanding officers were General James Kinian [sic, James Kenan] and Colonel Richard Clinton, he does not now recollect the month or the day when he entered the services of the United States – neither does he now at this lapse of time recollect at what time he was discharged from said services but that he was in the services six months at the time aforesaid. That at the time he volunteered as aforesaid, he was a resident citizen of the state of North Carolina and lived in Duplin County of said State, now as he believes called Sampson County. That he was not in any Battle save a small Battle or Skirmish with the Tories on his march Purtervine's old field between Duplin County and Wilmington in said State when and where the principal commander's which he now recollects were those mentioned above. That he was marched from his County of residence to Wilmington in said State and from thence to Fayetteville in said State and sometimes stationed for a short time at Bluford's Bridge in said State. That the company in which he was, was engaged in marching to and from Wilmington to Fayetteville aforesaid and through some of the adjacent Country as necessity would require in guarding the country from our common enemy the British who were invading the country at that time. That the company in which he was, was called out by Governor Burt [sic, Thomas Burke] of North Carolina. That he has no documentary evidence of his services or his discharge – that he was discharged but has since lost it. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. That Wilmington was taken a short time before he volunteered. That it was in consequence of the capture of Wilmington by the British that drafts

were ordered at the time he volunteered as aforesaid – he further states he did not serve with any of the Continental regiments nor was he acquainted with any of the regular officers except General Gates and General Greene – he feels himself unable to state further particulars which he conceived would be of any service to him in the investigation of his claim as many of the incidents connected with his toils and sufferings have in the lapse of time measurably faded from his memory. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ D. G. Smith, Clk

S/ Dempsey Carrol, X his mark

[Elias Carroll, and immediate neighbor of the applicant and a Minister of the Gospel, and Daniel Rosser gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are the interrogatories propounded by the court and the answers thereto by petitioner.

Quest. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. 1st I was born in Duplin County North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have no record of my age except a record I made myself according to my Father's account of my age when & where I was born etc. – that record is lived in South Carolina

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I was living in Duplin County in the State of North Carolina when called into service. I afterwards removed to South Carolina and from thence to Wilcox County in the State of Alabama where I now live. The date of my removal I do not recollect

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. Colonel White and Colonel Redin were two recruiting officers stationed at Duplin Courthouse with whom I was acquainted – also Colonel I the – I do not recollect the Continental and militia regiments. The circumstances of my services were as above stated

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I had a discharge from General James Kenan but I have lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. James Jinkins, John Jinkins, Abijah Miller, Stephen Smith, Thomas M Cants and John M Cants

State of Alabama Wilcox County

This is an amended declaration to one drawing by said Dempsey Carol on the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 which is here with transmitted.

On this the 28th day of January in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open

court before the Honorable John W Bridges presiding Judge of the County Court of said County of Wilcox now sitting in said County of Wilcox Dempsey Carol a resident citizen of the said County of Wilcox in the State of Alabama aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832. That he entered the service of the Army of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. That he was born on the 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1762. When he arrived to or obtain the age of 16 years he was entered on the muster roll and that it was sometime during that year or the subsequent year, he cannot now distinctly recollect which he volunteered as a private or soldier in the militia company of Captain Michael Kenan who was called or ordered out [by] Governor Burt then the chief Magistrate of North Carolina. That it was in consequence of the capture of Wilmington by the British in said State that drafts were ordered at the time he volunteered as aforesaid. That the commanding officers were General James Kenan & Colonel Richard Clinton – he does not now recollect the date of the month or the month in which he entered the services aforesaid neither does he recollect at this lapse of time the precise time when he was discharged from said services but is distinct in his recollection that he was in the services aforesaid six months. That at the time he volunteered as aforesaid he was a resident citizen of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina. That he was not in any Battle during his said services save a small Battle or Skirmish with the Tories at Purtervines old ford on their march between Duplin County & Wilmington of said State when & where the principal commander's which he recollects are those mentioned above. The Battle with the Tories above mentioned did not last in actual combat exceeding two hours. That he volunteered for above stated for the term of six months and that he served his time out as a volunteer private or soldier not having any commission. That the principal stationary place for said company was at Bluford's Bridge near Wilmington. That the services were mostly performed in marching through Cumberland County, Bladen County, Hanover County and Duplin County in guarding the counties from our common enemy the British. That he has no record of his age in his possession. That his age was recorded in a family Bible but that record is now in the State of South Carolina if not destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence of his services or his discharge. That he did receive a written discharge but has since lost it. That he was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time for which he volunteered as aforesaid. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his said services – he further states that he did not serve with any of the Continental regiments nor was he acquainted with any of the regular officers except General Gates & General Greene – he feels himself unable to state further particulars which he concedes would be of any benefit to him in the investigation of his claim as many of the incidents connected with his toils & sufferings have in the lapse of time measurably fled from his memory – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state (or if any) only on the agency of the State of North Carolina.

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S/ Dempsey Carrol, X his mark

[James Thompson, a clergyman, and Israel Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]