State of Virginia Stafford County SS

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Stafford Dudley Shackleford a resident of the said County and State of Virginia aged sixty-seven years who being 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 1832.

That he enlisted in the year 1778 in the service of the United States in a Company of Guards under the command of Captain John Roberts at the Albemarle Barracks. That at the time of his enlistment aforesaid the names of the officers of the Regiment to which the said Company was attached, which are now recollected by him his Colonel Lewis, Lieutenant Colonel Francis Taylor of Orange [County], & Major Fontaine [perhaps William Fontaine]. The officers of Captain Roberts' Company were, besides him, Lieutenant James Purvis, Ensign John Slaughter, 1st Sergeant William Slaughter – 2nd Sergeant Henry Minifee [Henry Menefee], Quartermaster Sergeant John Goulding. That during the service of the said Shackleford Colonel Lewis died and the other officers above named except Quartermaster Sergeant were severally promoted. The said Regiment was employed in guarding General Burgoyne's Army while prisoners of war. The said Shackleford continued in the said service until sometime in the month of April 1781 when he was discharged. In consequence of the invasion of Virginia by Lord Cornwallis the prisoners were removed from Albemarle Barracks to Winchester and from thence to the Warm Springs in Virginia. The said Dudley Shackleford at the time of his enlistment was a resident of the County of Culpeper and continued to reside in that County until about 15 years ago he removed to the County of Stafford where he has since resided.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Dudley Shackleford, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]