Pension Application of Philip Koon R6053
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On this 4th day of June 1834 personally appeared before the justice of the peace of the County Washington Philip Koon a resident of said County of Washington and State of Ohio aged seventy seven years the 15th of next August born near Philadelphia Pa in 1757 who being 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 June 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That in the year of 1776 then living in the County of Harison State of Virginia [sic: Harrison County now WV, formed in 1784 from Monongalia County, which was formed in 1776 from West Augusta District] he was drafted by Captain James Booth in May of the aforesaid year to defend the frontier against the Indians that were committing great depredations in the aforesaid County and those adjoining; that the Indians had murdered his sister and two of his brotherinlaws. That he was drafted from his fathers fort [Fort Koon or Coon on West Fork River] and marched to Nutters fort of the aforesaid County [on east bank of Elk Creek in present Clarksburg] and that while at the aforesaid fort Capt. Booth went home to see to his crop and was killed by the Indians. That he remained the three months at Nutters fort (the period for which he had been drafted) watching the manoeuvres of the Indians in that neighbourhood at the full expiration of which he returned home

That in the year 1777 having moved to tenmile [Tenmile Creek] a branch of the Monongahela, in the month of April he was again drafted for a three months tower by Capt Joseph Parkison and was principally employed for the above term in packing provisions from Washington County Pennsylvania and Monongahela River to fort Pitt and served out the term for which he was drafted and returned home to tenmile.

That in the aforesaid year of 1777 he was again drafted by Capt. Thos. Clear for a three months tower and was engaged in driving cattle from the Monongahelia river to fort McIntosh on the Ohio river [sic: at present Beaver in PA] that on the first trip the Indians had prepared to attack them, lying in ambush but they fortunately were joined by an hundred men the Indians seeing so large a force fled. That on the way some of the cattle straying a little from the main body were shot by the Indians that the reached the fort in safety. nothing worthy of note transpired during future trips he served the full term for which he was drafted but does not recollect of receiving a written discharge for this or either of the aforesaid terms

That in October of 1777 he returned to tenmile to where he then affixed his residence and remained two or three years, from whence he removed again to Harison County Va. where he remained five years, from thence he emigrated to Monroe County then a part of Belmont County Ohio, where he has remained ever since until 1832 when he moved a few miles from thence into Washington County where he now lives

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 territory

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  Philip hisXmark Koon

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Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace Isaac Stackhouse [pension application S11473] of the aforesaid county and after being duly sworn depoeth and saith that in the year 1776 he knew Philip Koon and knowed of his being drafted and serving under Capt James Booth Lieutenant Nathaniel Davison in the company that went to defend the frontier against the Indians in Harison County Va and Monongahela Co Va. and that he served three months in the aforesaid copany in defence of the frontier rendezvousing part of the time on the
west fork of the Monongahela river and further this deponent sayeth not

[1 June 1834] Isaac hisXmark Stackhouse