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Pension Application of Charles Donaway R3010

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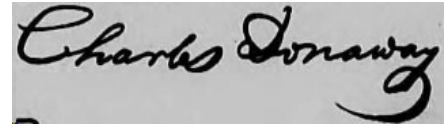
[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of Illinois

County of Gallatin

personally appeared in open court before the Honble Th. C. Brown Judge of the circuit court in and for the county of Gallatin now sitting Charles Donaway a resident of the said county and state aged seventy three (73) years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath mak the folloing declaration in order to obtain the benefit the provision made by the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United states as a Substitute in the place of Daniel Brown on the day of october 1780 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This affiant Entered the Service as aforesaid, in the county of Richmond, virginia under Colonel Tomblin as a recruiting officer at chesterfield court house State of virginia for a term of Eighteen (18) months and was immediately ordered and entered with nine (9) others on duty as a Life Guard to General Peter Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], (to wit) Wm Leak [William Leak], Jesse Pierce, Wm Brock [William Brock], Thomas White, John Lee, Phillip Lee, Richd Gabel [Richard Gabel], Geo Payne [George Payne] and this affiant & Sargent King commanded the said life guard to Gen P Mullenburgh John Bolles was General Peter Mullenburghs wagoner who drove his bagage wagon This affiant continued in the service of the US. from the 4th day of October 1780 until after the battle of York town [sic: British surrender] on the 19th day of October 1781 – and marched during whole time as one of the Life Guard to General Peter Mullenburgh (towit) from Richmond (Va) across James River, at Richmond town to Cabin Point point near Suffolk town [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] where we took up winter quarters. From thence we marched a forced march to petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] (Va) to meet the British where we had a battle [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], and a British General was killed by the of Philips [sic: see endnote] by one of our Cannon which were two brass pieces in no. and place on pocahontus hill [Pocahontas Hill?] we were compelled to retreat back to Chesterfield Court House. From thence across the Rapadan R [sic: Rapidan River, 4 Jun 1781], and their remained until the arrival of General Wayne who arrived in a short time after [sic: Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun] when we pursued the British to Jamestown where we had another battle where we won the ground [sic: British victory at Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. From thence we marched to Hickorynut Church [8 mi NW of Williamsburg] from thence to Williamsburgh (Va) where our army was stationed until the arrival of Lafayette with the French troops [sic: see endnote] Shortly after the French troops General Washington and joined our army at Williamsburgh. Washington reviewed the French troops the day after his arrival, and the second day after his arrival he reviewed the Virginia troops at the lower end of town, and on the 3rd day the whole army were on their march to Yorktown to meet corn wallace [sic: Cornwallis] and arrived at york town some time in September & on the 19th day of October 1781 Lord cornwallace surrendered his army to General Washington, the day of the battle at york town Corlnel Claborn was aid to Gen P Mullenburgh, on the day after the battle John Longworth Samuel White and this affiant were taken sick and Gen P Mullenburgh was requested by Colonel Claborn to send us to his house until until we got well Coln Claborn did not return until after the army was discharged and this affiant had recovered and returned home This affiant never got his discharge, altho he served 12 twelve months and a few days as life guard to Gen P Mullenburgh, which extended to the close of the war This affiant applied for a pension several years ago when he resided in Kentucky His name was found in the War Department but failed on account of a change in the represent in said State of Kentucky. His papers were not returned to him and on account being compelled to move to of Illinois with his children. This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension anuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state teritory or district in the United States This

affiant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services
[Certified 13 Sep 1833]



Interrogatorys propounded by the court (Q 1st) Where and in what year were you born (ans) I was born in Northumberland County in the Northern Necks of Virginia in the year AD 1760 to the best of my recollection in of what my father told me.

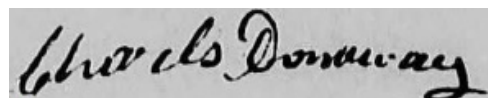
Q. 2nd Have you any record of your age (ans) I have none. Q. 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live (Ans) In Richmond County (Va) I removed from Va to the state of Tennessee from Tennessee to the state of Kentucky and now live in Illinois Gallatin County 4th Q How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. Ans. I entered the service as a substitute for Daniel Brown. State some of the Revolutionary [sic: regular] officers A Colnel Tomblin Cololol of the county of Richmond Va. General Peter Mullenburgh. M. D. Lafayett General Wayne General Wayne Gen [Daniel] Morgan & Washington The lapse of time has been so long since that I cannot distinguish betwen or designatate the particular Regimen Brigade and Lines of the different divisions of the armey General Morgan's men were Rifle men and Gen Waynes were musket men. Q 6th Did your ever quit a discharge and if so by whom was it given & what has became of it. (Ans) I never recd a discharge I was taken sick after the batt[le] of Yorktown and at the request of Colonel Cleaborn and G P Mullenburgh I was sent with 2 or 3 others to the house of Colonel Clayborn and recovered and my father came for me before the return of Colonel Clayborn from Yorktown Q. Did you ever receive a commission Ans I recd none. I was during all the time of service Life Guard to G P Mullenburgh as a private

7 question State the names of persons in you neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and there belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Answer David A Grable Esqr in my neighbourhood and the Revnd Benja[min] Bruise are wel a quainted with me and can testify to are well acquainted with me and can testify to my charactor

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Gallatin county This day personally appeared before me Samuel Elder the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Charles Donaway who being first duly sworn deposes and says, That he entered the service in the eleventh day of October 1780 as a substitute for one Daniel Brown, who was a drafted Militiaman for eighteen months, that he did not belong to the Regular line or continental establishment, that he has no living witness of his service nor does he know of any documentary evidence of his service by which he can prove the same: he does not know whether his name appears upon the Rolls of the department or not, though he understood it did, but he is unable, on account of age the lapse of time, infirmity and want of memory to state whether he belonged to the State troops or Virginia or not – but he is very positive that he continued in the service from the day above stated until the 19th day of October 1781 and some little longer, for which however he does not claim any pension, as to the excess over twelve months That to require him to prove his service by one or two living witnesses, will be to deny a pension the bounty or rather Justice of his country, as he is unable so to do. He now resides in this county and State where he has lived for seven years. Daniel Brown for whom this applicant was a substitute, was drafted as a private, and this applicant served, as he has before stated, and he does not recollect any further particulars of the service more than are already above stated, and if he cannot obtain his pension upon his application as above made out he will be unable to amend it further. And further saith not.

[Certified 13 April 1835.]

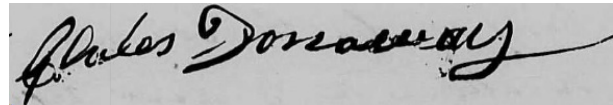


Amended declaration of Charles Donoway, to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of June the 7th 1832.

This applicant states that he entered the service of the country in the month of October 1780 – that he resided in Richmond County in Virginia, at the time, and enlisted under Col. Tomblin, that he remained under him only till he could go to headquarters, at Chesterfield Court house – that Sergeant King took this applicant, with nine others immediately to the City of Richmond to form the life guard of Gen'l Peter Mulenburgh – and that Sergeant King was first Sergeant of this guard, and Sergeant Thos. White [Thomas White] was the second Sergeant of this guard. That this applicant remained in this guard, without being under the command of any captain or attached to any regiment, that this applicant knows of until after the taking of Cornwallace at Yorktown, – that he was then, being sick, sent up by Col. Claiborne, and aid of Gen Mulenburgh, to his Col. C's house, on the banks of James River to get well, and this was his final discharge. That he got no regular discharge in writing. This applicant further states that Col. Hight, a one handed man, commanded a regiment under Gen. Mulenburgh, & this applicant was a great deal with this regement – and he thinks without doubt, if the officers of the War Department will refer to the roll of Gen Mulenburgh's guard, or to Col. Hight's regiment, or to some of the other regiments & companies which were under the command of Gen Mulenburgh, they will find this applicants name. He recollects the names of the following officers beside those above named, as having been with Gen. M.'s Brigade = Major Mitchell, & Capt. Ludiman.

This applicant further states that he never received his depreciation pay at Richmond, or any other pay for his services, either from the State of Virginia or from the United States.

[Certified 9 Oct 1835]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Donoway". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

Gen. William Phillips died of typhoid at Petersburg on 13 May 1781.

Gen. Marquis de Lafayette arrived in Virginia on 14 March 1781. The French troops under Gen. Rochambeau arrived with Washington on 14 Sep 1781.