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Pension Application of George Carr S16693

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State of Missouri } Ss.

County of Cooper }

On this sixth day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court held within and for the County of Cooper aforesaid now sitting, George Carr a resident of the County of Morgan and State aforesaid, aged eighty six years on the twenty eighth day of October 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he first entered the Service of the United States some time in the year 1774, the precise time not now recollected, from wiche County in the State of Virginia in the capacity of a militia soldier under the command of Capt. Jacob Stephens, Lieutenant Colo. Charles Lewis & Colo. Andrew Lewis and Colo. Christy [sic: William Christian], the other officers not now recollected; that they marched through Virginia from thence to the bank of the Ohio River at the mouth of the Big Kanaway River [sic: Kanawha River] where they had a severe battle with the Shawnee Indians that lasted from sunrise till dark [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774], when the Indians dispersed and ended the fight; that they then crossed the Ohio River and marched into the Shawnee nation but found no indians; they then returned home and were discharged after three months service as near as he can now recollect. In the battle with the Indians at the mouth of Big Kanaway River Colo. Charles Lewis was killed. That in the year 1778 he moved from Virginia to the Territory (now State of Tennessee and settled within one mile where Jonesborough [Jonesboro] in Tennessee is now situated – when he again entered the service in the capacity of a militia soldier from the neighborhood of Jonesborough aforesaid, the precise time he cannot now recollect, but states that it was about one year as near as he can now recollect before the surrender of Lord Cornwallace at Little York [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], under the command of Capt. Samuel Williams, Major Jesse Walton, Colo. Charles Robertson and Col. John Seviere [sic: John Sevier], from whence they marched against the Cherokee Indians about 130 miles from his residence – that they had a fight with the Indians at a place now called the Blue Springs [near present Seymour TN, 16 Dec 1780] after which they returned home and were discharged after having served as near as he can now recollect (the precise time entirely forgotten) three months.

That he next entered the service from his said residence near Jonesborough some few months before the battle at Little York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] (the precise time not recollected) under the command of the same officers last aforesaid, when they marched over the Blue Ridge into North Carolina and thence into South Carolina and Santee River where they were discharged without having been in any battle, immediately after the Battle at Little York and returned home after a service of three months as near as he can now recollect.

This declarant further states that by reason of infirmity and old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise length of his service but according to his best recollection he served at least nine months, three different tours as above stated, three months each, that he served each time as a private militia soldier and was each time drafted into the service, and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service

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

[The following section is marked “Omit.”]

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

An. I was born in the State of New Jersey in the year 1746.

Ques 2nd. Have you any record of your age & if so, where is it?

An. I have none except what I have recently made from my own recollection of what my father told me, which is now in my possession

Ques 3^d. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

An. I was living when first called into service in Withe County Virginia [sic: Wythe County, formed in 1789 from Montgomery County]; when called into service at two other times I was living in the then Territory now Tennessee within one mile of Jonesborough, & have since the revolutionary war lived in Georgia Tennessee & Missouri & now live in Missouri

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

An. I was drafted every time I went into service

5th State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the Troops, where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

An. My declaration gives as good a statement as I can make (read it)

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

An. I never received a written discharge my discharges were all verbal

Ques 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

An. I can state Joseph Steel, John Chilcoat, John McCutchin and many others.

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This declarant George Carr further states that the reason why he made his declaration before the Court of Cooper County instead of Morgan Cty where he resides, is because he is informed that the regulations of the War Department require the Certificate of the Clerk to be sealed with a public seal, or if sealed with a private seal the additional certificate of Member of Congress, that Morgan County where he resides being a new county recently established is without a public seal and the member of Congress lives in St. Louis Mo. about 200 miles from the residence of this declarant, he therefore makes application to the Cooper County Court that has a public seal, being as near too as the County Seat of Morgan about 25 miles each this is the only reason

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