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Pension Application of Heardin Denham, Nat'l Archives Series M804, Roll ___ Application #S30985

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Jackson County, Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November term 1833}

On this 11th day of November, 1833 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful justices now sitting, Harden Denham, a resident citizen of the county of Jackson in the state of Tennessee, aged 73 past, since the last day of June last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration...:

He entered the service of the United States, first a tour of two months in a regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier. His captain was called George Russell, Lieutenant William Beam [or Bean]. As to the precise date of entering on this tour he cannot state. It was in the fall season of the year.

He state he set out from Washington County, North Carolina, marched against the Cherokee Indians. He states he was on Nolachucky and French Broad [rivers]. He states he was not in any battles during this tour. He states he served out his full tour of two months. He did not receive any written discharge.

He states he again entered the service of the United States in the same state, Guilford County for a tour of two months in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Burk [*or Bush. This researcher has not previously seen any mention of a Captain Bush, but if Burk is the name of the captain, it may be an interesting line of investigation, since Col. Paisley so hotly detested a Tory captain, then colonel by the name of 'Burk.' Had he been a Whig previous to turning coat, that could explain such a hatred. See the pension application of William Lesley of Guilford County.*], lieutenant's name not recollected. He states that as he recollects, Captain Burk [or Bush] commanded about one hundred and fifty men, called a scouting party, again st the Tories. Captain Burk [or Bush] was the highest officer. He states that they marched through Stokes County, Grayson? County, Iredell County; other counties he marched through he cannot recollect. He states he was in no battle during this tour. While on this tour and when at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River, North Carolina, he heard of the battle King's Mountain, which had just taken place. He states that he served out his full term of two months. He does not recollect that he received any discharge.

He states he entered the service a third time for a tour of six months in Washington County, North Carolina in the fall season. He cannot state the year, but states, as he recollects, it was the next fall after Gates Defeat. The company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Samuel William, Lieutenant Anderson Smith, and the company joined a regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier and Lieutenant Colonel Charles Roberson. Marched to the north side of the Santee and joined the army commanded by General Marion. A scouting party was sent out of two hundred, one hundred dragoons and one hundred riflemen. He belonged to the riflemen, and his company was commanded by Colonel Charles Roberson. He crossed Santee back again and went in a direction toward Charleston, in South C arolina. Colonel Mayem? commanded the dragoons. In the march, came near a party of British, and it was supposed they would all have been taken prisoners had it not been that one of the British dragoons deserted and warned them of the danger, when they immediately retreated and joined the army again.

Sometime after this, say a month, the American army marched across the Santee on the south

side, and there wintered. After this, a similar party of dragoons and riflemen were called for and sent out as a scouting party. He again joined the riflemen commanded by Colonel John Sevier. Marched to a little town called Monk's Corner, had an engagement with the enemy and took a parcel of prisoners and marched them to the main army. Shortly after this he was discharged. He does not recollect that he got any written discharge. He returned home. On this tour he went out as a substitute for his brother David Denham and served his full time.

Again he entered the service in Washington County, North Carolina for a term of two months; joined a company commanded by Captain Thomas Hardeman and the company joined the regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier. Marched to the Nolachucky, the French Broad, the Coosee Rivers, from thence to the ?Mobill? At Coosee River they had an engagement with the Cherokees, Creeks, and perhaps another tribe, of Indians. They took a considerable number of prisoners consisting of men, women and children, and a Tory officer among them, who in attempting to make his escape, was shot down by one Isaac Thomas. Among the prisoners, there were also found a girl called Jane Ireland that had been a prisoner. He returned home shortly after this time and after serving his full tour of two months, this was in the fall season and next fall, after he returned from his tour of six months, he don't recollect if he received any written discharge.

This closed his services as a soldier of the Revolution...etc.

1st: When and in what year were you born? I was born in Hanover County, Virginia, and as I am told and believe, in 1760.

2nd I have no record of my age.

3rd I was living in the state of North Carolina when called into service, moved to Kentucky near Livingston, from thence to Warren County Kentucky, from thence to Barren County, Kentucky, from thence to Henderson County, Indiana, from there I moved to Jackson County in the fall of 1832, where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? The three tours of two months each I volunteered, the tour of six months I went as a substitute for my brother, David Denham.

Monroe County, Kentucky}

On this 26th day of December, 1837, before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace for the said county of Monroe, KY, personally appeared Harden Denham, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by George Russell and others in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier at each term of service of the United States. That his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Tennessee, from whence he has lately removed. That he now resides in the state of Kentucky, Monroe County, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be paid in future. The following are his reason for removing from Jackson County, Tennessee to Monroe County, Kentucky was, he had no land of his own in said county and state, but he had an opportunity to purchase land in Monroe County, Kentucky, which he has done, and removed to it. Harden Denham, his mark.