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Pension Application of Anthony Courtner W6731

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State of Virginia } SS

Greenbrier County }

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justice of the Court of Greenbrier County it being a court of record now sitting Anthony Curtner a resident of the s'd. county of Greenbrier & state of Virginia aged 92 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First entered the service as a volunteer in the spring of the year 1776 under Capt Stump [possibly Michael Stump] & Lieutenant Bright for three months in the County of Hardy Virginia [formed from Hampshire County in 1785] to go to the frontiers to guard ag't. the Indians and was stationed at a place he then called West fall Valley on the Ohio or Western Waters and that he served out his three months and was discharged at the west fall Valley Fort. During this Tower was in several skirmishes with the Indians and had to be employed frequently guarding the citizens ag't. the Indians when they were at work in their fields. after his discharge he returned to Rockingham County and then in the Spring of 1777 he volunteered a secon time for three months under Capt Scidmore [sic: John Skidmore] & Lieutenant Kearton and was stationed in tigers valley [sic: Tygart Valley] to guard the frontier ag't the Indians and was stationed at Fort Jonisis[?] in s'd. Valley. during this Tower they had several skirmishes with the Indians and that he new that he dispatch over Red Skin [sic] and that he was discharged after his three months was out dureing them two Towers he was under no regular Col. and was only commanded by a Capt & Lieutenant. on his return to Rockingham County in 1777 He was drafted and employed in collecting & driving cattle for the use of the army for one month. That he that he volunteered in 1778 or 1779 in Rockingham County under Capt Ragin [possibly Richard Reagan] & was employed for two or three weeks in pursuit of Torys that they took one Tory and that he made hand Cuffs for Him and he was sent to Richmond. That he volunteered, he thinks in the year 1780 for three months in Rockingham County Va. under Capt. Harrind [possibly William Herring] and was under the command of Col. Harrind [probably Benjamin Harrison] and was kept constantly on the move in the eastern part of Virginia passed through different County's towards the South until they arrived to Amelia County & then to Richmond and was there discharg[ed]. That in the year 1781 He Volunteered in Rockingham Va under Capt Ragin for three months and he thinks under the Command of Col. Harrison and was marched on to Richmond Va. and from that to the Bird-ordinary [Bird's Ordinary] and from that to the Hickory Nut Church [Hickorynut Church about 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] where we joined the main Army under the command of Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan while stationed at the Hickory nut church they had some skirmishing with the British during the time. He was a volunteer on a scouting party to go to York Town and made an attempt to take the British Sentinel and was attacked by a party of British and had to retriare and in jumping a Ditch he received a hurt that has been an injury to him ever since. That he was discharged at the Hickory Nut Church, and returned home to Rockingham County. That after he returned Home he Volunteered and was employd in guarding some Hessians that were prisoners and had a sergeants Com[man]d which was the highest Command, and after Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] they were discharged. And that he was in the service about five or six weeks. He further states that he lived on the plantation of Col. Daniel Smith of Rockingham and was frequently employed by him in carrying expresses to different officers and to other Col. in Shenandoah & Hardy County. and was engaged some time as a Black Smith, in Shoeing Horses for two Capt. of Light Horse while they were in winter quarters, for which he never recv'd. and Pay and was promised an exemple[m] [sic: exemption] from

one Tower of duty for his services. That he has never received a discharge in writing during any of his towers that he recolects and knows of no person that he can prove his services by

He hereby relinquishes every claim what[ever] to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his Name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Anthony hisCoumark Curtner

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On this 27th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County & State Anthony Curtner aged 92 years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned as set forth in his declaration of the 29th of August 1832 and in addition to that service he now recolects when there was a draft made in the County of Rockingham & State of Virginia in the year 1781 that there was a man drafted to serve a tower of duty by the name of John Harmon. He Harmon deserted and Col Daniel Smith promised him if he would go and take Harmon the deserter that he should be exempted from a tour of duty of three months. That after he took Harmon and returned to the camp he was still willing to go on to Yorktown to serve his tower notwithstanding he was exempt for taking the deserter – But was directed to stay and guard some prisoners and that he did stay and had a Seargents command as set forth in his declaration of the 29th of August 1832 until after the taking of Cornwallis. That he was a three months tour in 1776 on the Ohio or Western Waters as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 and in 1777 another three months tour in Tigers Valley as set set fort in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 in same year one month in collecting and driving cattle for the use of the Army In 1778 or 1779 at last two weeks in pursuit of Torys as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832. In 1780 served a three months Tour as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 In 1781 he served a three months tour as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 In the same year he took a deserter for which he was promised an Exemption of a three months tour of duty as stated above. He then Volunteered and was employed in guarding the Hessians at least five weeks as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 In the winter he thinks of 1777 he was employed as a Black Smith in Shoeing Horses for two Companys of Light Horse that were in winter quarters and that he believes he was employed at least two and an half months and while liveing on the plantation of Col Daniel Smith he must have been employed at least one month in carrying expresses as set forth in his declaration of the 29th August 1832 and for said services he claims a pension and that he has given these statements in addition to his declaration of the 29th August 1832 That he herewith submits with these facts – and further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state

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1 Where & what year was you Born

Answer I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1740

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have my age recorded in my Bible and know from that that I am 92 years of age.

5 State the Names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops when you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ansurs I recollect General Morgan, [Anthony] Wayne, Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] &c as to the names of the Regements that I belonged I cannot now recollect and I have set forth in my declaration of the 29th August last and of this date as nearly as I can recollect all the circumstances of my services

7 State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood & who can testify as to

your varacity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I am known to Berryman Jones [pension application S5632] & James Dougherty and many others who can testify to my character for varacity and as to their belief of my services in the revolution

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NOTE: On 5 Jan 1843 Catharine Courtner, 84, applied for a pension stating that on 6 Dec 1777 in the part of Augusta County that became part of Pendleton County she married Anthony Courtner, who died on 30 Apr 1833. She stated that her maiden name was Catharine Wonsturf, and the marriage was by publication of the banns, because they lived too far from Staunton to obtain a license. On 26 Oct 1846 Pheby Dougherty for herself and other children of Catharine Courtner applied for the pension owed to her mother to the time of her death on 22 Jan 1844. The children were listed as follows: Pheby Dougherty, 46, of Greenbrier County; Lewis Courtner, 56, of Fayette County (West) Virginia; David Courtner, 54, who resided "beyond the limits of the Commonwealth." Mary Carlisle, 83, of Monroe County (West) Virginia deposed that she was present at the marriage of Anthony and Catharine Courtner, which was officiated by a Rev. Wilson at the home of Joseph Malwin[?] on the Bullpasture. One Jacob Props, 79, deposed that the marriage occurred at the home of Henry Stone.