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Pension Application of Richard Custer W6749 Jane Custer VA
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State of Virginia } SS
Rockingham County }

On this 21st Day of August in the year 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before David Henton, Joseph Craven, George Clarke & Augustus Waterman Gentleman Justices of the County Court of Rockingham now sitting Richard Custer a resident of the County of Rockingham & State of Va aged Seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to Law made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the first of June 1757 was removed by his parents at about 5 years of age to Rockingham County [formed in 1778 from Augusta County] Virginia and has continued to & now resides in said County & State. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He first entered the service of the United States as Volunteer early in the year 1781 under Captain Geo Huston [George Huston] & Col. [William] Nall served at Richmond, Williamsburg, on James's River & at Hot Water and was at the scrimish's or Battles at the two last mentioned places [probably Battle of Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781 and Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 26 Jun 1781] does not recollect of any regular Officers (if any were) attached to the Militia of which he composed one. he served three months during this tour was regularly discharged but received no written discharge.

That he entered the service of the United States the second time as a volunteer under Captain Anthony Rader [Anthony Reader] some time in the year 178[?] served against the Indians at Warricks Fort & on the head of Greenbrier [sic: Warwick's Fort, possibly the one at present Green Bank in Pocahontas County WV] there were no regular Officers in Company. Served three months was regularly discharged but received no written discharge

That he has no documentary evidence. That he can prove his services by Henry Whetsell [pension application S7873] & Christian Kapplinger [Christley Kapplinger S8776] who are now in Court for that purpose

That 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 or agency of any state Richard hisXmark Custer Sr

NOTE: On 3 April 1841 Jane Custer, 70, applied for a pension stating that as Jane Humble she married Richard Custer on 18 March 1790 or 1791, and he died on 14 Feb 1837. Matilda Custer certified that Richard Custer died on 14 Feb 1837. On 28 Nov 1843 Jane Custer was said to be 75, and on 6 July 1849 she was said to be 79. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 14 March 1788 by Richard Custer and Conrod Humble for the marriage of Custer to Jeirel Humble, daughter of Conrod Humble.