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Pension application of Stephen Boutwell R1061

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State of Illinois, Gallatin County

On this first day of October, 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the Circuit Court for said County, now sitting, Stephen Boutwell, a resident of said County of Gallatin, aged eighty-two years -- 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was born on New River in the State of North Carolina in the year 1752, and has a record of his age, at his residence: He was living on Lynches Creek in the State of South Carolina, in the latter part of the summer of 1777, as he best recollects, when he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted private militia man for a tour of three months. His Captain was George King, who upon the formation of his company, marched it to the Cheraw hills, where he and his men were placed in the Regiment, and under the command of Colonel Richardson. Colonel Richardson remained at his station on the Cheraw hills, where this deponent's company joined him until the expiration of the three months for which this applicant engaged, when Captain King's whole company was discharged, and this applicant returned to his home. He received no written discharge. During this tour this applicant was in no engagement with the enemy, nor was there any other force, either militia or regular, at the Cheraw hills, or in that neighborhood -- so that this applicant knew no other officers than those with whom he was in daily view of -- his Captain (King) and Colonel (Richardson). In the winter of the next year this applicant was again drafted, and entered the service as a private in the militia for another tour of indefinite length. His Captain was the same who had commanded him before. They marched immediately to Charleston, with a view to its defense, and was stationed there for one month, during which time they had no engagement with the enemy. After the us serving for one month the company was discharged verbally, and this applicant returned home. He does not remember the names of any other officers than those of his own company, though there were other troops stationed at the same place, nor does he remember that Captain King's company was put into any Regiment. In the beginning of the next year 1779, he was again drafted, and entered for a tour of three months, under a Captain whose name this applicant has forgotten. The Colonel of the Regiment to which he was attached was Colonel Baxter, who marched the men to See Wee bay [sic, Sewee Bay], where it was thought the British would attempt a landing. Here Colonel

Baxter and all his men remained until the expiration of the three months for which they were drafted, when they were discharged, and returned to their homes. He received on no occasion any written discharge. He was living at the same place in South Carolina and each time of his entering the service, during this last tour under Colonel Baxter this applicant was in no engagement with the enemy, nor does he know the names of any of the Continental or militia officers stationed near them. After the revolutionary war had closed this applicant moved into the State of North Carolina, where he remained only one year, when he moved into Virginia, where he remained two years, and then moved to Tennessee, where he lived several years, then moved to Kentucky, lived there about five years, and then moved to Gallatin County, Illinois, where he has lived ever since. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any 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. He has procured the Reverend Charles Slocumb from White County to testify to his reputation, there being no clergyman residing in his neighborhood.

S/ Stephen Boutwell, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Leo'd White, Clk

[Charles Slocumb, a clergyman, and John Crenshaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]