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Pension Application of William Fortune R20370

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State of Kentucky Sampson County Sct

On the 13th day of June 1831 personally appeared in ope Court being a Court of record for the County afs'd William Fortune a resident Citizen of the State and County afs'd aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress approved 15th May 1828 &c the said William Fortune did in December 1779 or January 1780 at Bonbrook [sic: Boundbrook] County & the name not recollected in the State of New Jersey enlist for during the war of the revolution under Adjutant Donely or Dannelly [possibly Patrick Donnelly] in the 7th Regiment of the Maryland line in the Company Commanded by Capt John or Johnathan Morris [Jonathan Morris]. the regiment was commanded by Colo Gunbay he thinks his name was John [sic: John Gunby]. That directly after enlistment afs'd he was permitted to go home on furlough for three months and that he returned to the Army at the end of the three months and joined his Company and Regiment at Bonbrook. The Army he thinks was then commanded by Washington and that after two Campaigns in the North his regiment was ordered to the South with the Maryland Line and was placed under the Command of [Gen. Horatio] Gates and that some time thereafter Colo Gunbay resigned & went home and Colo [John Eager] Howard and after him Col. John Stewart took the command of the Regiment and that he served under Stewart untill Cornwallis was taken at Little York [19 Oct 1781] when & where this affiant was discharged which discharge he has lost. This affiant would state that he was taken prisoner by the British at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and that he run away from them and joined the American Army again at Guilford Court House in North Carolina under Washington [Lt. Col. William Washington] & Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene] to the best of his recollection [in March 1781]. This affiant would state that he served in the Malitia four months & the nine month's service previous to his continental afs'd. said nine months was in the Maryland line. That before his Term of service expired in the nine months service afs'd he enlisted afs'd for during the war afs'd. his enlistment in the nine months was under he thinks Capt Morris & joined the Army at Valley Forge [sic: Valley Forge]. This affiant would state that while in the Malitia he was wounded at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and that after he enlisted for during the war he was in six Battles & Skirmishes he was at Gates defeat Kings mountain [7 Oct 1780, but see endnote] Rudessons or Rugeleys Mill [see endnote] Peekskill [23 Mar 1777] and the others not recollected untill he was marched down to Little York where he received his discharge. This affiant would state that he never has applied for or obtained any pension from the United States. and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension from the United States except the one now applied for. That he said William Fortune doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States of America at the time of his receiving his discharge afs'd and has continued a Citizen thereof uninterrupted untill this date and that he has not since the 18th day of March 1818 or since the 15th May 1828 or any time before or since by Gift sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with the intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed 18th day of March 1818 nor has he done it to bring himself within the provisions of any act of Congress passed before or since the afs'd 18th March 1818. That he has not nor has any person for him in trust any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income of any kind whatever. that he is now old weak & pennyles and that the reason why he has not heretofore applied for a pension from the United States is that he has heretofore been able to procure a support by his labour under which circumstances he did not wish to become a burden to his County. but those reasons no longer exist and he is now from age pains & poverty compelled to be a burden to his neighbours or his Country and he therefore has recourse to the means provided by said Law of 15th May approved 15th May 1828. He would state in addition that his wife died

two or three years since & that he is alone in this world.

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Calloway County } Personally appeared before the undersigned subscriber an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Derrington [pension application W27409] aged sixty seven years and now a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following deposition towit. That he the said Derrington was born in Charles County Maryland and enlisted and served during the war in the thirst and first Regiments of the Maryland continental line That he was well acquainted with William Fortune the foregoing declarant whilst he served in the Revolutionary War and knows that said Fortune was an enlisted soldier in Colonel Gunbay Regiment of the Maryland line This deponint also states that he and said Fortune were both transferred with the army to the South in 1780 That he knew said Fortune well whilst he served in the South under Colonil John Stewart He also states that he and said Fortune were both in the battles of Camden and Guilford and that said Fortune as he well knows faithfully served as an enlisted soldier through the whole Southern War in 1780 and 1781 He also states that he has examined the foregoing declaration of said Fortune and that he knows most of the statements therein contained to be true and that he veriley believes them all to be true having no doubt whatever of the truth of his statements Sworn to and subscribed by said Derrington before me this 26th day of May 1833

William hisXmark Derrington

NOTES:

Continental troops were not at the Battle of Kings Mountain SC. There was skirmishing near Rugeley's Mill just before the Battle of Camden.

George Pearce (S49294) also certified that he had seen Fortune at various times during his service.

No reason was found for the rejection of Fortune's application.