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Pension application of John Snider R9902 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Smyth County SS

On this 20th day of December 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Smyth County the same being a Court of Record in consequence of its proceedings according to the course of the common law and having a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount John Snider a resident of the County of Smyth aforesaid & State of Virginia aged seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That in the year 1779 or 80 he was drafted as a militia man in the militia of Virginia that he served in the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Edminson [sic, Edmiston, Edmundson or Edmondson?], the name of his Captain was Frost [William Frost] and that of his Lieutenant was Lindsay [Abraham Lindsay], that he left the service in July of the same year in which the British Army under Cornwallis surrendered at York [October 19, 1781], that he served three months from the time he joined the Army below Richmond in Virginia, that when he was drafted he resided near Winchester in Frederick County Virginia that previous to his joining the Army he served as a guard in guarding the Hessians who were stationed near Winchester, that he served as guard about two months, after which he [indecipherable word written over and illegible] wagon drove his father's team which had been impressed for the public service that after rendering the services he was drafted and served as above stated that the company of militia to which he belonged commanded by Captain Frost & Lieutenant Lindsay marched from Winchester to Shenandoah River where it remained about ten days, we were then joined by other troops – we marched from thence to Fredericksburg where we joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edminston & remained there about two weeks from thence we marched to Richmond where will we drew our arms that about ten miles below Richmond we joined the Army commanded as he thinks by General Muhlenberg – that the Army marched and counter marched through that section of country for some time until the arrival of General Wayne & his Army when they were marched directly to Little York and were there at the surrender of Cornwallis after which this applicant got his discharge signed by General Muhlenberg, which is now lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Snider, X his mark

[Richard Williams & Joseph W Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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