Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Sebree S14424 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Circuit Court of Scott County: September 5, 1832

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Scott Circuit Court now sitting Richard Sebree a resident of Scott County & State of Kentucky, aged about eighty 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 7th, 1832.

The said Richard Sebree states that he was born in Orange County Virginia March 29 1752, which makes him eighty years old that [he] lived in Orange during the Revolution. Served three tours can prove only one so far as he knows, has no register of his birth, lives in Scott County & has for 40 years. 1st tour was served 1778 under Captain Belfill Cave [Belfield Cave] of Orange – marched to Richmond, northern neck below Richmond & marched where wanted. Colonel Barbour [Thomas Barbour] commanded. The 2nd tour was under Captain Richard C. Webb [Richard Crittenden Webb] was stationed at the Barracks in Albemarle, Frank tailor [Frances Taylor] was Colonel, this was 1779.

The 3rd Tour in 1780 as proven by John Wilhite¹ my messmate served under Captain Benjamin Johnson of Orange & Colonel Barber no written discharge, hardships great & suffering & exposure & he was prevented from a 4 [4th] Tour to take Cornwallis on account of lameness by a snag. He relinquishes all claim to a pension but this – Is not on the pension roll of any State Test: S/Rh. M. Johnson

S/ Richard Sebree, X his mark
[John T Johnson, a clergyman, and Richard M Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Scott County Sct. Ken

This day Richard Sebree age 80 made the following amendment on oath to his declaration for a pension as to the term of his actual service which he says was omitted by R. M. Johnson in the great hurry of business on Court day – the 1st tour as set forth in his declaration was for the term of 2 months, the 2nd tour as set forth in his Declaration was for the term of 2 months & the 3rd tour set forth in his declaration was for 3 months making in all 7 months for which he claims a Pension & he states that John Wilhite who was a witness for him was his messmate for the tour in 1780 that tour was 3 months & he hereby states as a witness for said Wilhite that he served with him said Sebree one tour in 1780 for the term of 3 months.

S/ Richard Sebree

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¹ John Wilhite S14833

Owen County Kentucky (Sct.)

The amended declaration² of John Wilhite he states, that the 3rd tour of duty set forth in his original declaration was 3 months. That Richard savory was his messmate in said tour, and served the said 3 months in 1780; that he makes this declaration in favor of said Seabury to avoid the necessity of a separate affidavit which he gave in favor of said Sebree some time ago; signed this 29th day of December 1832.

S/John Willhoite3

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

² I didn't find the 'original' affidavit of Wilhite in this file to which this is said to be an amendment.

³ I don't think this is Wilhite's actual signature as the handwriting is identical to that of the scribe, Cyrus Wingate

Cyrus Wingale

whose own signature appears as follows: