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Pension application of Benjamin Cox S2146

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State of Ohio Montgomery County: SS

On this eleventh day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County now sitting Benjamin Cox, a resident of the said County of Montgomery in the State of Ohio, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement 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 & served as herein stated. He was a resident in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina when he first entered the service of the United States, but is a native of Pennsylvania. He volunteered in the spring of the year he thinks it was in 1778, & was attached to the company of Captain Richard Graham, the names of the subordinate officers he cannot now recollect. His Regiment was commanded by Colonel Grimes, (if he remembers right, his first name was Richard), who lived at Ninety Six, & another of the staff was Major James Smith. The brigade was under the command of General Butler. His company was got together at Salisbury & from thence proceeded to a point between that town & Ninety Six, & about equidistant from the two places, where they remained waiting orders for about three months. Receiving orders they marched & joined the Regiment at Ninety Six, & thence went onward immediately into South Carolina, across that State, over the Savannah River at Augusta into Georgia; marching down that River, though not immediately along its banks, a recrossed into South Carolina, & preceding in the direction of Charleston met & were opposed by the British Army at the River Stono. The enemy were stationed on an island (he thinks called James Island) in that River, & reached the shore by means of a floating bridge. The battle lasted upwards of two hours, when the British retreated to their fortifications upon the island, destroying as they went their communication with the shore. General Butler commanded the American Army. The applicant remained on duty at that point, himself standing Sentry altogether two days & nights, till on the fourth day after the battle he was discharged & returned home. He received a written certificate of that discharge, which he since has lost. In all he served nine months from the time his company was ordered to join the Regiment at Ninety Six, & about twelve months computing from the time he volunteered. He suffered a great deal through almost the whole of this time, in his various marches, from the exposure to which he & his fellow soldiers were subject & from the want of provisions & other

