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Pension application of James Dowden S30996

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State of Kentucky, Madison County

On this 15th day of Aug, personally offered before the Worshipful, the county Court of Madison, James Dowden, a resident of Madison County and State of Kentucky, aged 75 years on the 14th day of Oct. next, who being first duly sworn and according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779, with Maj. Thomas Bell [sic, Thomas Beall], and served in the 1st Maryland Regiment of the Maryland line, under the following officers, Maj. Thomas Beall, Capt. Admersom Tawneyhill, Sr. [sic, Adamson Tannehill]¹ (or Josiah) Tawneyhill. He enlisted on his return from serving a volunteer tour on the St. Lawrence on the Muskingum [sic, Muskingum] river just above Fort Frederick, and marched Braddock's road to Pittsburgh, and from thence to Fort St. Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens², from thence back to Pittsburgh, from thence to the Munsee [sic, Muncey] and Mingo Towns, destroyed them and killed near 30 Indians, from thence to winter quarters at Pittsburgh, from thence to Fort Cotanian [sic, Coshocton?], from thence to winter quarters at McIntush [sic, Fort McIntosh]³ on the Ohio river, from thence to the Delaware towns and destroyed them and killed about 21 Indians, from thence to Annapolis [sic, Annapolis] to Gen. Smallwood. The next spring (1782) re-enlisted under Gen. Smallwood at Annapolis, and marched under Capt. Muse [Walker Muse] the balance of his officers he cannot recollect. From Annapolis we marched to New Winsoe [?] on North river to Gen. Washington and wintered at Smoke-hill, from thence to Stony-Point, from thence to Smoke-hill where we illuminated for the declaration of peace, from thence to Fredericktown Maryland ^{and there wintered}, from thence to Pittsburgh under Maj. Marberry [sic, Joseph Marbury] and wintered and in the spring 1785 received discharge for six years, signed by Capt. David Luckett, and left it in the war office at Annapolis in the State of Maryland Col. Richard Campbell commanded when I was at fort St. Laurens the despondent was born the 14th of Oct 1757. He has a record of his age in his father's Bible, but he does not know where it is at present. I do not know whether believe it was in Pennsylvania or Virginia that my father resided. It seems to be a matter of some doubt. I enlisted as above stated, and lived in Montgomery County Virginia about five years after my discharge, where I moved to Bourbon county in Kentucky, lived there one year and moved to Madison county, Kentucky where I now live.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the state.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Dowden, X his mark

1 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adamson_Tannehill.

2 This reference is most likely to the Revolutionary War fort built in Ohio on the banks of the Tuscarawas River by General Lachlan McIntosh in November 1778. <http://www.friendsoffortlaurens.org>.

3 [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_McIntosh_\(Pennsylvania\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_McIntosh_(Pennsylvania)).