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Pension application of Gideon Terry S41237 Transcribed by Will Graves

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At a Court of monthly Sessions held for King William County at the Courthouse Monday the 28th of June 1819

This day Gideon Terry a resident of this County aged sixty-six years this day came into court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," - That he the said Gideon Terry enlisted for the term of two years on the 25th day of January 1776 in King William County State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Nelson in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 25th day of January 1778 when he was discharged from service at the Valley Forge, State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – And the said Gibson Terry also proved by the oath of the James Jones a respectable witness, that he served faithfully as above stated and thereupon the court doth order that the said declaration and evidence of the said James Jones of the faithful service of the said Gideon Terry be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War pursuant to the act of Congress – And the Court doth also certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said Gideon Terry did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months at one time, on the Continental establishment, and he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support – [attested by Robert Pollard, clerk of court July 5, 1819]

[This file does not contain an affidavit of James Jones]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing June 28, 1819 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Gideon Terry S41237 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 13 March 2022.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I do Certify that Gideon Terry Serve'd three years as a Soldier in the last Revelutionary War in the Seventh Virginia Reg't. given under my hand this 12th day of Dec'r 1809

Thos Lipscomb Ensign [Thomas Lipscomb VAS3952]

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