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Pension application of Alexander Hargrove S6972 fn31SC
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Of the State of Mississippi Simpson County: In the Circuit Court at October Term 1832

On this the 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edward Turner Presiding Judge of the second Judicial District of said State holding the Circuit Court of the County of Simpson & State aforesaid now sitting Alexander Hargrove a resident of said County of Simpson and State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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.

That he the said Alexander Hargrove was born about the year 1759 in the State of North Carolina on Neuse River about twenty-five miles above Newmontown that about the year 1775 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under one Captain William West in the South Carolina militia in a campaign against the Creek Indians in which tour the Indians were driven by the whites out of the State of Georgia over the Alabama River and pursued near to the Tom Bigby to the Standing Peach Tree and in which campaign he was engaged in the said service of the United States as aforesaid for the Term of six months and that he resided in the State of South Carolina on the Saluda River in Edgefield District when he was drafted and entered the service as aforesaid. That shortly afterwards he the said Alexander Hargrove was again drafted and that he again entered said service of the United States under the command of Captain Sampson Pope as he believes and under General Otho Holland Williams in which service at this time he remained and served something more than one year during which last mentioned service he was in the battle of old Ninety Six perhaps in the year 1781, at which battle he believes General Nathanael Greene commanded. That after the battle the Americans crossed the Saluda River. That during the said service by the said Alexander Hargrove was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs at which battle he believes also that General Greene had command that it was a very hard battle, but victory was at last gained by the Americans. That he recollects what was called the Maryland and Virginia Continentals were in the battle. That the Americans took part of the British Prisoners. That the conduct of General Greene on that occasion was highly approved by the American troops. That he served in said service of the United States in all he knows more than one year and six months. That he resided in the State of South Carolina Edgefield District on the Saluda River as aforesaid when he entered the said service. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who

can testify to his service. That he lives in the said State of Mississippi where he has resided about 25 years. And that he the said Alexander Hargrove hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the union. Sworn to and subscribed the day aforesaid before

S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge S/ Alexander Hargrove, X his mark [John R. Hubert, a clergyman, and John Hails gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Mississippi Simpson County: In the Court of Probates At May Term 1833 Before his Honor Bruster H. Jayne Judge of said Court.

Supplementary declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1833.

On this the 27th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Bruster H Jayne Judge of the Court of Probates of the County of Simpson and State of Mississippi now sitting Alexander Hargrove a resident of the State and County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to one made by him in the circuit Court of said County on the 15th of October 1832 which is hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress aforesaid:

In addition to the declaration of the 15th of October 1832 aforesaid he the said Alexander Hargrove says that in the year 1775 he was drafted by the officers of the United States for the period of six months and entered the Army thereof and served under one Captain William West with an embodied Corps called into service by the government of said United States for the said period of six months in the South Carolina Militia in a tour against the Indians as stated in the declaration hereunto annexed. In which said campaign he believes he served under one John Watson as his Colonel.

That afterwards in the year 1779 or 1780 he was again drafted by the officers of the United States government and entered the service thereof and actually served for the period of one year in the State of South Carolina with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority as he at that time understood commanded by Captain Samuel Pope under the circumstances in the annexed declaration mentioned as set forth. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot at this time recollect the name of the Colonel under whom he served the last mentioned tour of one year. That he served all the said time as a private soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid before me S/ Brewster H. Jayne, Judge S/ Alexander Haregroves, X his mark [Harmon Powell and John Hails gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On June 17, 1839 in Rankin County Mississippi, the veteran applied for a new Certificate of pension stating that his certificate had been lost or mislaid at the house of James Ellis in Newton County Mississippi.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]