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Virginia document pertaining to Joseph Hembreck VAS1803 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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To the Honourable The General assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Joseph Hembreck Sn'r. of the County of Franklin most respectfully sheweth that your Petitioner in the year [blank] volunteered his services in a large company Commanded by Captain [Adam] Clements and marched from the County of Bedford and joined the army at head quarters at ninety six in South Carolina [during Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] the command of the army being under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] - that your Petitioner remaind in service three months under the Orders of s'd. General - After which he was marched back and discharged your Petitioner states that while in service he discharged his duty in the most faithfull manner as can be attested by many of his Companions in arms who are still living – that he sustained great injury from sickness while in the service and has good reason to believe that the hardships he underwent while in the army have entailed on him debility ever since – your Petitioner States he is now seventy three years of age very Poor being totaly destitute of Property and unable from bodily infirmity to Labour – that in this situation after devoting the Prime of his life to the service of his country in the war for liberty he must owe his subsistence in future to charity unless he can experience the bounty of the legislature. He therefore Prays that some compensation by Pension or otherwise may be made him by your honourable body – and as in duty bound he will ever Pray Jo's Hembreck [Certified 6 Oct 1825]

Bedford County Sct

I heareby certify that in the 1881 [sic] I marched from this County in Capt adam Clemens Company of Bedford Militia to ninety six I served a three months Tour 17 days we ware Imploid in the sige of of the fort of ninety six & the ballance of the time to make up three the tree months was scrimaing [skirmishing] with Lord Rodney [sic: Francis, Lord Rawdon] armey which occurd almost Every day that Joseph Hambrick March'd out with me & sarved the tour & was honorable discharge at or neare the same time that I was & I have been acquainted him Eversence & have always thought him to an honest Industris good citizen given under my hand this 4th day of November 1825 Same Hancock

[Samuel Hancock, pension application X916]

I do heareby Certify that in the yeare 1881 [sic] that I march'd as a Soldier from this County to ninety six in South Carolina under Adom Clemens & served a three months Tour I well Remember that Joseph Hamtrick marched out with me & served the tour & was honorable discharged at or neare the same time that I was & I will further state that I have been acquainted him Ever sence & I have always thought him an honest Industrous man & is old & Infirm & I think not able to make a support for his family given under my hand this 4th day of november 1825

Edward Hancock

[Edward Hancock W7648]

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