Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Perry VAS1845

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To the honourable Speaker and Members of both houses of the General Assembly: The petition of John Perry humbly sheweth; that your Petitioner was in the service of the United States of America in the Revolutionary war upwards of thirty years ago; and was under the Command of Captain James Moore of Montgomery County, and was at the Alamance Battle in the State of North Carolina [possibly skirmish at Clapp's Mill near Alamance Creek, 2 Mar 1781] in which Battle he your Petitioner received many wounds by the British Light horsemen [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion]. To wit, one in the right arm one in the right hand one in the breast two in the neck four in the head by swords and that your petitioner has ever since thereby been deprived of the use and strength of his right arm & hand and is now seventy four years of age and destitute of a family or any one to support him: and altogether unable to labour for his own support; And therefore prays your honourable body to take his case under Consideration and place him on the pension List the remnant of his days and your petitioner in duty bound will pray

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This day Samuel Ferguson Sen'r. personally came before us Jesse Spurlock and George Spurlock Two of the commonwealths Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid & made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty GOD That he the said Samuel was in the United States Service with John Perry in North Carolina at the Alamance battle under Captain James Moore of Montgomery a few days before the Guilford Battle [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and that he the said Samuel Ferguson Sen knew the said John Perry & that the said John Perry was in the said Alamance battle in the united states service & that the said John was in said Battle wounded by the British Light horsemen & in said wounding received many wounds by swords (To wit) one great wound in the right arm one in the right hand two in the neck one in the knee and four in the head by which wounds the said John Perry has ever since in a manner been unable to support himself by labour & that said John is now about seventy four years of age & very infirm & altogether incapable of labouring for a Livelahood this given under my hand September 30th day 1812

Sworn to before us who also certify that we believe that the contents of the above affidavit is such as may be depended upon; and that from the number & appearance of said wounds as well as the age of the said John Perry.

Teste/ Jesse Spurlock JP/ George Spurlock JP

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