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Pension Application of Edward Burt R1508

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State of Virginia } Ss.

Sussex County }

On this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Sussex now sitting Edward Burt a resident of the County of Sussex and State of Virginia aged seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. Viz. first he was a substitute for Stephen Stacy in the fore part of the year 1780 as he believes for six weeks, Major [William] Boyce and De Cloman [sic: Christian Charles De Klauman] were the commanding officers, the name of his Captain he does not recollect. After he was discharged he was soon called on to serve his own tour in the same year for six weeks if no longer under Col. Gray Judkins. this tour was served on James River as well the preceding one, and after serving the said tour he was verbally discharged by said Col Judkins. In the Spring of 1781 he was called out again under Captain [John] Massenburg of Sussex and joined De Cloman and Boyce's Regiment the day before the battle of Petersburg [Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and was in that action. from there he went to Chesterfield Courthouse – he was then called out in the light Infantry under Col [Alexander] Dick and Major Hofler and marched to Richmond and then to a place called Marble Hill [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond]. from there to Col Carters near James River and there we had a small battle with the enemy, and took several of their boats and killed several of their men from there we marched down the River to one Coches on the river and there came up with some of the British with a parcel of sheep. they took to their boats and left the sheep tied – we took one prisoner – was then marched from place to place untill the seige of York Town [28 Sep - 19 Oct], and after the surrender of Cornwallis and his Army went with the prisoners to Fredericksburg, and just above Fredericksburg he got a discharge from Captain Massenburg and returned home – this tour he believes was between six and seven months, but the exact time he cannot undertake to say, as it has been so long ago. He never received but on written discharge and that was the one from Captain Massenburg, and he has no knowledge what has become of it. and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He 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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid      Edward hisXmark Burt

NOTE: Burt was not allowed a pension because militiamen in Virginia were drafted for three months each tour, rather than the six claimed for the last tour, in which case his total service would not have amounted to the minimum of six months.