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Pension Application of William Cary S10424

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State of Kentucky }
Cumberland County } Sc't.

On the 13th of August 1832 William Cary personally appeared at Court then sitting aged 77 years: who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a souldier under Capt. Barnet Marcom [probably Bernard Markham], met at Osburns on James River [sic: Osborne's east of Chester], from thence marched to Williamsburgh, from that to York, from that to Hampton being gone about two months and discharged.

The 2^d Tower was under Capt. E. Baw [probably Alexander Baugh], we were marched to Poartsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] we served about two months that time and were discharged.

The 3^d Tower I went under Capt. [Benjamin] Branch, marched to Poartsmouth after staying about six weeks were discharged

The 4th Tower I went under Capt. David Patterson, marched to Smithfield and the adjacent Country, watching the movements of the Enemy

I think my first Tower was in the year 1777 and the other Towers in 1778 or 9

The 5th Tower was Commanded by Capt. Henry Cheatham, at Chesterfield Court House, went to Smithfield, from there retreated before the Army of the Brittish to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] where the Battle was there [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] I was in the rear, or reserved Corps, Retreated to Sudsburys [sic: Sudbury's 3 mi NW of Chesterfield] where Tarlton surprised our party [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 23 May] took many prisoners I escaped. From there we retreated up James River near the pint Fork [sic: Point of Fork at the junction with Rivanna River], and there to Orrange and Culpepper [sic: Orange and Culpeper] Counties was discharged there. I was at least two months that Tower. In all upwards of six months.

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatsoever to a Pension or anuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Rool of the agency of any State

I was raised in Chesterfield County Virginia, moved from there to Tennessee in Clabourn [sic: Claiborne] County from there to Cumberland Kentucky about three years past [signed] William Cary

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct

On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Cumberland County Court now sitting William Cary a resident of Cumberland County State of Kentucky aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following statements by way of amendment to his original declaration subscribed and sworn to at a previous term of the said Court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He was born in Chesterfield County Virginia in the year 1756 the 14th day of April as appears from a record now in my possession taken from my fathers family bible he lived in Chesterfield County Virginia from his birth up to the year 1808 he then removed to Claibourn County Tennessee lived there until October 1829 then moved to Cumberland County State of Kentucky where he now lives and has lived ever since – he entered the service as a drafted Militia man from the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia in the year 1777 and continued until 1779 [sic] – he has no recollection of ever having received a written discharge.

he is known to John Baker and William Cheatham who can & have testified as to his character as a man of veracity and as to their belief of his having served as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution –

He further states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below For 13 months & 2 weeks I served as a private soldier in the Militia from Chesterfield County Virginia one tour of which was under Capt Barnet Marchom, another under Capt. Bow both amounting to four months another Tour under Capt David Patterson which was two months another Tour under Capt Henry Cheatham for two months – another under Capt Branch of six weeks – which are mentioned in my original declaration I also served two other tours one under Capt Francis Smith of two months the other under Scott of two months – Robt Good [sic: Robert Goode] was his Colo during part of the time – he cannot state who was his other officers that commanded the Regiments to which he belonged nor can he at this time venture to give a more particular detail of the incidents of them times than he has in his original declaration – he knows of no person in this Country by whom he can prove his services

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] William Cary