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Pension Application of Peter Catron S15363

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } SS

Wayne County }

On this 22 day of January 1834 personally appeared Peter Catron, Before me Roger Oatts a justice of the peace for Wayne County Kentucky, who is a Resedent of Wayne County Kentucky aged 80 years old, 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 the 7th 1832.

The said Peter Catron states that he was a volunteer as a private malitia man in the state of Virginia Montgomery county for three months in the year 1776 about the last of may or the first of June, the precise time not now Recollected, upon a Draft from the state of Virginia as he understood – My Captains name was Walter Crockett and my Lieutenant’s name I think was William Campbell. But the ensign not now recollected we first met & Rendezvoused on Walkers creak [Walker Creek] and thence marched and ranjed thro the country from the head waters of Clinch River & Bluestone, thence over and on the waters of Sandy River & Guiandotte [sic: Guyandotte], principally against the Shawnee Indians, in and on the frontiers, all the country on the frontiers in that quarter being forted and Indians very Troublesome, But in this Tour we had no engagement in our Ranging after the Indians They in some way eluding us we had no superior officers. our tour being out and the Indians becoming less troublesome we were discharged By our Captain & Officers But not in writing. We were almost naked and suffered much fatigue and Hardship. Having served the said three months Tour some short time after I returned home a call and Draft was again called for By authority of the State of Virginia to protect the People of Houlston [sic: Holston River] from the incursions of the Cherokee Indians who was very troublesome. I again volunteered. I think on the 15 or 16 of July after [“in” interlined] 1777 under an ensign his Christian name not now recollected as a private & Ranger for three months and we marched Ranged & Scoured the country from the head waters of Houlston & Clinch Rivers Backwards & forwards in constant service. In this tour we had no engagement But frequently saw the sign and trail of the Indians who were thot to be pretty thick. Having actually served our three months Tour provisions hard to get, the Indians less troublesome, we were discharged by our ensign the Officer. But not in writing and we returned home much fatigued

In the month of January or February the year 1778 [sic] the day not now distinctly recollected But some short time before the Treaty of Long island on Haulston [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jun 1777] & after the Battle of the Cherokees [presumably Battle of Island Flats near Long Island of Holston, 20 Jul 1776] I again volunteered as a Ranger from the State of Virginia and from the County of Montgomery as a private from a call of the State of Virginia under Captain John Stephens under a call for three or 6 months tour this Deponent does not now recollect which But he is inclined to think for 6 months Tour. Having no General officers we first rendezvoused at the head of Reed creak, and marched and Ranged in a Direction to a fort on Clinch River called the Rye cove, and there we were stationed guarding in the fort a considerable time, we then ranged in a Direction to the Cumberland Gap. we Ranged to Martins Station in Powels Vally [sic: Powell Valley] we were then met by another company of Rangers under Captain J. Martin [Joseph Martin] we then Ranged and marched back to the Rye cove where we were first stationed where we found the Indians had killed several persons, just before our return. Shortly after a Treaty was about to take place Between the Cherokee Indians & Governor Preston [sic: Col. William Preston] & Col. [Evan] Shelby, our company of Rangers was ordered out marched to the Traty on long island on the Houlston River, and we remained there on guard untill the Traty was made, several other companies meeting there

After the Traty was made, we were all discharged in our company but not in writing by our Captain & we returned home to the county of montgomery in the state of Virginia, Having actually served six months in this tour amounting to 12 months in my three tours for which I Respectfully claim compensation as a private under the aforesaid law of Congress. The said Peter Catron knows of no person in this country now living by whom he can prove his aforesaid Revolutionary services. I the said Peter Catron cannot Read the English Language, am old & infirm was born in the year 1754 in Germany, came to Pennsylvania with my Father Stuffle Catron in the year 1764 and in the year 1766 removed to montgomery county in Virginia and lived with him untill the year 1786 & then removed to Grayson County [formed in 1792 from Wythe County, which was formed from Montgomery County in 1789] State of Virginia and remained there until the year 1804 and then Removed to Wayne county Ky. where I now live and have lived about 29 years

The said Peter Catron is known by many persons of Wayne viz. John Mills, Thomas Mody, the Honorable Martin Beaty & many others.

The said Peter Catron, hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension Rool of the agency of any state.

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