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Pension Application of John A. Adcock S21036

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State of Tennessee } SS

Robertson County }

On this the 11th day of August 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Robertson County now sitting John A. Adcock a resident of said county & state aged 76 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I was born on the 10th September 1758 I do have no record of my age. I was born & raised in Buckingham county, Virginia, where I lived until I moved to the State of tennessee, where I now live in Robertson County & have lived for the last twelve years. In February 1781 I volunteered as a militiaman in my native county under Captain Samuel Saunders of the same county in a Regiment of which George Skipwith [sic: Henry Skipwith] was Colonel & Thomas Tucker [probably St. George Tucker] was major & both militia Officers. We were ordered for a six months tour & served the whole of that time. We started from Buckingham County & went thence to Powhatan Courthouse, thence crossing James River to Fairfield & thence in various directions & for different purposes until I was dispatched under Colonel Hawkins with twenty-five hundred men to the lines at Jamestown, where the next morning after our arrival a battle commenced in which General Anthony Wayne commanded [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 July 1781] Colonel Hawkins under whom I was fought on the right wing in the battle we were forced to retreat & we left the field I think about 10 or 11 o'clock we marched thence by the "Burnt Ordinary" to Bottomses Bridge [sic: Bottoms Bridge] on the Chickahominy River here we took about 90 prisoners at Hot water a branch of said River, & after various marching & counter-marching & some skirmishing not however of much importance my time of service having expired, I with others commenced a return home, on the way meeting with Captain Miller & a company I substituted in the place of Edward Quicomb & turned back going on we came to a place called Newsom's Old Field on the South side of James River, where we were placed under Command of Colonel Beverly Randolp [sic: Beverley Randolph], [William] Boyce Major, both Militia Officers. Thence crossing James River at Jamestown we arrived at Springfield where we went under the Command of General [Robert] Lawson & thence proceeded to Yorktown where we joined the siege at that time conducted by LaFayette but soon afterwards by General Washington, here we continued until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. after the siege I was sent as a guard of prisoners under Colonel [Samuel] Vance to Winchester, there I was discharged, & my discharge was signed by Captain Hughs Woodson [Hughes Woodson] & countersigned by Colonel Vance. this discharge I have not at present nor do I know where it is or what has become of it. In this last tour I served 3 months, making in all 9 months service; I was a private during the whole of this service. This applicant states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services He would refer to Samuel Thomson[?] Esquire & Daniel Buil Esquire & Parson Benjamin Ralls [Benjamin Rawls] as persons of standing & veracity who are well acquainted with him & willing to testify to his veracity & their belief of his services; I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. [signed] John A Adcock