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Pension Application of James Arthur S2922

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States

Your petitioner James Arthur of the County of Butler & State of Ohio Humbly represents that in the month of April 1781 he enlisted under Capt Bedinger in the State of Virginia for the term of 18 months, after serving for about three months under Capt. Bedinger he was transferred to the company commanded by Capt Yarberry [Yarborough?] in the regiment of cavalry – mounted men commanded by Col. [Anthony Walton] White in which he served until the expiration of the term of his enlistment when he obtained an honorable discharge at the grand camps near Charleston in South Carolina. Your petitioner is poor & without property except a small spot of land & two old horses but he is unable to work or farm his land so as to support his family The whole of his property is not worth more than between two & three hundred dollars. Your petitioner has a wife & four children the two oldest of which are blind & have been so from their birth. The other two are girls & are unable to labor so as to support the rest of his family. Your petitioner prays your honorable body to grant him a pension & such relief as may be just. He has lost his discharge & has no other evidence of his services in his possession.

September 14th 1828

The State of Ohio Clermont County Ss

deposition of Lydia Hall and Elizabeth arthur taken on The ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight at the office of Thomas West in Ohio township & state and County above named The said Lydia Hall and Elizabeth Arthur depose and saith that there Brother James Arther did Enlist under Captain Bedinger who serv'd under General Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] in Virginia and further that he there Brother James Arther did inlist on the tenth day of April in the year seventeen Hundred and Eighty one and return'd Home again on the twentyfith day of November Seventeen hundred and Eighty two and Lydia saith he there brother James Arthur Brought home with him a full discharge with a number of Signers names to it

[signed] Lydia Hall

Elizabeth herXmark Arthur

The State of Ohio Butler County } Ss

Court of common Pleas }

on this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Honorable Judges of the court of common pleas for the county of Butler in the state Ohio James Arthur a resident of the county of Butler aforesaid aged sixty eight 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 the seventh eighteen hundred and thirty two, that on or about the tenth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one he enlisted for a year and a half under Captain Wilton on the South Branch of the Potomac river in Hampshire or Hardy County [formed from Hampshire County in 1785] in the State of Virginia. Deponent marched down to Winchester and from thence to Albemarle Court house where he joined the Regiment of General Stuben he served three months under general Steuben and was then take or drafted into the Regiment of Colonel White's dragoons or mounted troops. This deponent was then marched into South Carolina – while marching from Winchester to albemarle court house deponent was under the command of Captain Bedinger – deponent continued in the Ss service in South Carolina under the command of Colonel White until he received an honorable discharge on or about the twenty second day of October seventeen hundred and eighty two having been eighteen months in the service. Deponent's discharge was signed by

General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Colonel and Captain Yarberry and four other officers whose names this deponent does not now remember – deponent has a written record of his age from which it appears that he was born in May seventeen hundred and sixty four in Burlington County New Jersey – he has resided in the state of Ohio thirty three years – he resided twenty eight years in Clermont County and five years in Butler County where he now resides. Deponent applied for a pension about four years ago – his papers were sent to Washington city to the care of General Noble late a Senator in Congress from the state of Indiana – deponent does not know how his papers were disposed of; he knows of no living Witnesses by whom he can prove his services he is well known to John Burke Daniel Allhand and Thomas Porter and others by whom he can prove that he sustains a good character for truth and veracity and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution. 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 – When deponent applied for a pension to Congress as above stated he then proved his services by the depositions of two witnesses one being Elizabeth Arthur his sister and Lydia Hall another sister – said depositions were put into the hands of John Woods to get the County seal to them and were afterwards put into the hands of Gen'l. Noble who promised to apply for a pension for deponent

[signed] James Arthur