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Pension application of William Parish S35548 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Madison County, Sct.

On this 7th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared William Parish aged 68 years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Madison; and that he enlisted for two years in Bedford County in the State of Virginia on or about the 16th day of February 1776 by one Captain Grass Scrugs and served in the company commanded by Captain Gross Scrugs [Gross Scruggs] of the 5th Regiment Virginia line on Continental establishment which Regiment was commanded part of the time by Colonel Charles Scott and upon his promotion by Colonel Jasias Parker [Josiah Parker] that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until the 16th day of February 1778 when he was honorably discharged from the service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he was in service two years and was in the battles of Brandywine, Trenton [December 26, 1776] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and [text damaged and illegible] small engagements and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

Major John Campbell of Clark County and state aforesaid States that upon oath that he was himself a soldier in the war of the revolution and served in the company commanded by the within named Captain Gross Scruggs of the 5th Regiment Virginia line & that in the year 1770 6 to 1778, that he was personally well acquainted with the within named Will Parish, and knows that the said Parish enlisted in the latter part of the winter or spring of the year 1776 for the period of 2 years and served for that time, and was at the expiration of that time discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That he is well acquainted with the circumstances of the said Parish, that from age and infirmity he is entirely incapable of labor, and that he is in ex

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ These two colonels commanded the $5^{\rm th}$ Virginia Regiment

[balance of word illegible], indigence and poverty.

Sworn to before me one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid this 2nd day of November 1818.

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 7th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]