Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Housley: S38036

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Georgia John (or Jonothan) Housley came personally before me who being duly Elbert County } sworn saith that he was enlisted as a private on the Continental establishment in the month of March seventeen hundred & seventy nine for & during the war of the Revolution at Bladensburg in the State of Maryland by Captain William Beall of the Sixth Regiment Second Brigade of the Maryland line, that on joining said Reg't I was attached to Capt Alexander Truemans Company & believes under the command of Colonel [John Eager] Howard. This deponant further saith that after he joined the Reg't, he was marched to Petersburg in the State of Virginia, from thence under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates to South Carolina that he was in the Action fought by the American army under Gen'l Gates against the Enemy near Camden [16 Aug 1780] in which the American army was defeated, in which Action he received a slight wound. That three days after said Action he this deponent with two other soldiers joined General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] on the Catawba River who was also defeated two or three hours after he joined him [Battle of Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780]. and this deponent further states that he was in the Action fought at Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina [15 Mar 1781] also in the Battle fought at Eutaw Springs in South Carolina [8 Sep 1781] in which he was again wounded This deponent further saith that he was discharged in Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the month of June seventeen hundred & eighty two (to the best of his recollection) that in the lapse of intervening years his discharge by some casualty is lost or destroyed. And this deponent further states that he is now in reduced circumstances and is in need of the assistance of his Country for support John hisXmark Housley Sworn to before me this fourth day of June 1819 Littleton Johnston J.P.

The State of South Carolina }
Abbeville District }

On this 21 day of october 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the said district John Housley aged fifty eight years resident in the said District who being duly sworn according to law on his oath declares in the words following, I served in the Revolutionary war as follows

Viz I enlisted in March 1780 in the 6th Reg't Maryland line Bells company was afterwards attached to Capt Trumans company, and after gates' defeat the Reg't to which I belonged was called the Seventh and I was discharged in June 1783. I have made application for a pension, the date of which application (of the certificate is [illegible word]) was "the 4th of June 1819, and I have received a pension certificate numbered 15,321.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, ad that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not or has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I am a taylor by trade but from the rheumatism in my left arm I have nearly lost the ability to pursue my occupation. I have no other family residing with me than a wife aged 55 years, and a daughter aged 19 neither of whom has any means of assistance other than my labour and their own. (sign'd) John hisXmark Housley

State of Georgia } Application for a Transfer County of Elbert }

On this fifteenth day of June 1829, Before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the said County of Elbert personally appeared John Housley, who on his Oath, declares that he is the

same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain Bell in the 6th Reg't. Maryland line in the regiment commanded by Colonel Howard and [Benjamin] Ford & [Otho Holland] Williams at different times in the service of the united states; that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the state of Georgia, and transfered to the Pension Roll of the State of South Carolina from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in the state of Georgia where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future, and that his reasons for removing to the state of Georgia, are that he had no home particularly in the state of South Carolina, and his son resided in the state of Georgia, and he wished to stay with him, his son having no family white or black, he believed they could be of mutual benefit to each other, and prefered living with him, than among strangers, is the Cause of his removal.

John hisXmark Housley