Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Otterson S40230 Transcribed by Will Graves f9VA 12/30/12

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Pennsylvania Sct.

The declaration on oath of Hugh Otterson formerly of Berkeley County in the State of Virginia & late of the City of Natchez in the State of Mississippi made before Samuel Roberts President of the Courts of Common Pleas of the fifth Judicial District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – in order to obtain relief under the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the U S in the Revolutionary War" – The deponent upon his oath doth depose and say that he served in the revolutionary war in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Jackson in the twelfth Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment [indecipherable word] against the common enemy. During his first period of enlistment which was for one year – That enlisted a second time in the Second Regiment to Serve during the Revolutionary War – and did perform such Service – That he is unable to furnish further proof of his Service by any witnesses or otherwise unless it may be had from the rolls of the Virginia line and that he is in indigent circumstances and further he saith not.

Mugh Otterson

Sworn & Subscribed Before me this 8th day of September 1818 S/ Samuel Roberts

District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia County: SS

On this seventh day of June 1820 personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas for said County (the said Court being a Court of record having a Prothonotary a Seal and exercising Common law Jurisdiction) Hugh Otterson aged eighty one years, residing in Philadelphia and County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law in open Court on his solemn oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz.. In the eleventh Virginia Regiment and Company commanded by Captain John Neville –

Date of original declaration 8th September 1818 Number of pension Certificate (3512)

And I the said Hugh Otterson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the

United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor 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

Sworn to and declared in

S/ Hugh Otterson, X his mark

Open Court on the 7th day of June 1820

Schedule of the property of Hugh Otterson

I have no property of any description, am by occupation a bleu dyer but in consequence of bodily infirmity and bad eyesight, am unable to labor, I have a Daughter my only child, who is a widow with young children with whom I live, She is quite unable to contribute to my Support and I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country –

S/ Hugh Otterson, X his mark

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 8th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]