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Pension Application of Jacob Ahart S6471

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State of North Carolina } SS. Superior Court of Law
County of Caswell } November Term 1832

On this 5th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of Law of the County & State aforesaid now sitting, Jacob Ahart a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged Eighty Eight years of age on the 15th day of July 1832; 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 — That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – To wit. that some time this Declarant thinks in the Spring of the year 1781 He thinks in the month of March (perhaps sooner) he Volunteered in a Granadier [sic: Grenadier] Company in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Samuel Moore; The Lieutenants he has forgotten; under the Command of Colonel John Dick, that previous to the time of his entering the Service, he had no regular place of abode, travelling through the Country; Driving his waggon he being a Waggoner, and part of his time for the use of the Government. – That after Volunteering in the said Company, He was marched to Goochland and Continued in Service with the Virginia troops marching first from one place to another until, during the Summer under the orders of Gen'l. Lafayette, who was the Commander in Chief of the Southern forces [sic: see endnote]; was at one time watching and following Lord Cornwallis about Portsmouth and continued with the main army until Gen'l. Washington joined them at old Williamsburg. he thinks this happened some time in September [the 14th] from there they were marched about maneuvering until Gen'l. Lafayette got Cornwallis into Yorktown; and was with the American troops at that memorable action which this declarant thinks was faught about the middle of October [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], after that action this Declarant was one of the troops which guarded the Prisoners after the surrender and marched them to winchester; at Winchester this Declarant was discharged he thinks about the last of December, for He well recollects that he got home (Orange County Virginia) about Christmass – It is proper to state that they were besieging the enemy in Yorktown for some time He thinks six or eight weeks – This Declarant would state that he was in Service something over nine months, and was half clothed and badly fed during nearly all the time. He got his discharge from Col Dick, But what has become of it this declarant cannot state, for being a very poor man he thinks that it has been lost or Destroyed a great while – at the time he Volunteered, he lived in Orange County Virginia that his marches was in the State of Virginia That the Continental regiments, were those who were under Gen'l. Lafayette, while he commanded in Virginia though He cannot recollect their names That he knows of no person in this Country who was with him at that time but Charles Cock [pension application S8228] that he can prove his services by — That about forty years ago after getting married to a pretty woman he moved to the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina; where he has resided ever since and where he now lives —

I (this declarant) hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The following Interrogatories propounded by the Court

Qus. 1st. Where and in what year were you Born?

Ans. I was born in the State of Pensylvania; the County he does not know having been told that he moved from there into Virginia when an Infant; and he has been told that he was born in the month of July 15th day 1744 —

Qus. 2^d. Have you any record of you age, if so where is it

Ans. I have a memorandum of my age which was given to me by my oldest Brother and was told that it was taken off of my fathers family record —

Qus. 3^d. Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since the revolutionary War & where do you now live —

Ans. I was living in Orange County and State of Virginia when called into service; I lived there some few years afterwards and about forty years ago I moved to Caswell County North Carolina where I now live —

Question 4^h. How were you called into service, were you drafted Did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom?

Ans. I volunteered in a Granadeer Company as I have before stated —

Ques 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. I well recollect Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. Layfayette and Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne – Col Richard Mather & Col John Dick's Regiments I well recollect they were Militia Regiments, the others I have forgotten the Gen'l. circumstances of my service I have before stated in this my Declaration

Qus. 6 Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans. I rec'd a Discharge from Colo. Dick but have lost or destroyed it long since —

Ques 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your character for Varacity and good behaviour, your services as a soldier in the Revolution —

Ans. I am generally known in my neighbourhood I will state Thomas Harrelson, Richard Martin & others, and Charles Cock who will prove my services as a soldier in the revolution he being with me at the time

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Jacob hisXmark Ahart

NOTE: Gen. Nathanael Greene, not Lafayette, commanded the Southern Division of the American army. Gen. Lafayette commanded both Continental and Militia troops in Virginia.