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Pension application of Esau Dotson S6800 fn11NC
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The State of Mississippi Claiborne County: Circuit Court October Term 1832

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alexander Montgomery Judge of the Circuit Court of Claiborne County now sitting Esau Dotson a resident of said Claiborne County and State of Mississippi aged about seventy-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 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. He was drafted in the year 1779 in the North Carolina Militia in Guilford County and State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Absalom Bostick. That the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Alexander. That General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the Commanding General of the North Carolina Militia. That he was drafted for three months and served his time out, but did not receive any written discharge -- That he was in the Battle in which General Gates was defeated and was wounded three times and that Battle. That General De Calb [sic, DeKalb] was in the same battle commanding Regulars and was taken prisoner after being wounded many times and soon after died and was buried in Camden South Carolina. That he was also drafted in Henry County and State of Virginia in the year 1781 for the term of five months. That Captain Rubels [sic, Owen Rubell] commanded the Company to which he was attached -- and Colonel Calaway [sic, James Callaway] the Regiment -- That he was marched to Little York and was under the Regular Officers, General Washington being Commander in Chief. That the Militia were engaged in building fortifications: that he was in no battles during that time; that he received a written discharge when his term of Service was out, that the same has been lost by time or accident --That he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove said service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court. First of October 1832. S/P. A. Vandorn, Clk S/Esau Dotson, X his mark [Parsons be Griffin, a clergyman, and Richard Harding gave the standard supporting affidavit.]