Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cailes S8165

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The State of Ohio }

Preble County } SS. On this nineteenth day of November 1833, personally appeared before Henry Monfort associate Judge in and for the County and State aforesaid, John Cailes a resident of Washington Township in the County of Preble and State of Ohio, 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 7, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named Officers and served as herein stated

He thinks he was about twenty five years old, when he was drafted first, into the Army of the United States under the command of Captain McCuchan [sic: Samuel McCutchen] – that he was out seven months, during the most of which time he was in [Gen. Lachlan] McIntosh's Campaign against the Indians – during this tour, they built Fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, beginning 10 Nov 1778], and left Colonel Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] there. Deponants Colonel during this tour was William Bowyer of Staunton Virginia. When Deponant was drafted for the tour above mentioned, he lived in Augusta County Virginia. Deponant does not reccollect, the time he started from home, but reccollects that he returned on the 31st December. About two years after Deponant was drafted for three months tour under Captain Patrick Buckhannan [sic: Patrick Buchanan], some time in the summer – his Lieutenants name was [James] Gibson and his Colonel William Bowyer. Deponant served out the whole of this tour, and was all the time in the field, marching from one point to another protecting the people from the scouting parties of the British. He was the greater part of the time in the neighborhood of Norfolk, and had a severe action with the British near that place some of the men were severely wounded but none killed. Deponant received a written discharge from the first tour which has long since been accidentally lost - but for the latter he thinks he never received any discharge, if so, it has also been lost.

Deponant has no written Record of his age, nor has he ever seen any, and consequently is unable to state his present age. He also states that from extreme old age and the consequent loss of memory, he is unable to give a clear full, and distinct account of his services. He has no documentary evidence of his services, and knows of no person living by whom he can prove them — but that he is acquainted with Isaac Stephens and John M. W. McNutt who can certify as to his character for truth and veracity, and the general belief of his neighborhood that he has been a Soldier of the Revolution. Deponant further states that he has resided in Preble County in the State of Ohio for the last three years, and that previous thereto he lived in Nicholas County Virginia. He also states that from extreme old age, and a total inability from Disease, to auttend before a court of Record, he is compelled, to adopt this method of making his application to the department, for a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. He also states that he knows of no Clergyman who can certify as to his character for truth and verasity.

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