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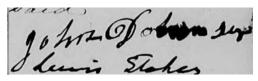
Pension Application of John Dobson S8348 VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Gloucester }

On this 6th day of august 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Gloucester now sitting John Dobson Sr. a resident of the aforesaid County and State of Virginia aged Seventy One 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 Command of Captain John Camp of the Virginia Militia in the County of Gloucester and state of Virginia at the age of Sixteen years and served under him, Capt'n Gipson Cluverius [sic: Gibson Cluverius] & others, from time to time, from the year 1777, until after the Surrender of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] at Yorktown He served at one time Continuously in WmsBurg [sic: Williamsburg] and at the magazine a few miles from that place at least Six or Eight months, and was the greater part of that time engaged in moulding of bullets. At the time of the Surrender of Corn Wallis which occured the 19th of October 1781 the Company to which he was attached was stationed at Perrin's on the eastern side of Sarah's Creek, not far from Gloucester town watching the movements of the British forces at that place

That he served in all at least three years, and was never in any regular action, but in two smart skermishes, one at Perrin's and another a few miles above Gloucester town, (near Sewellen's) Belonging to the state militia he was at all times liable to be called out and was accordingly from time to time. He never Rec'd. a discharge and has to rely on the annexed Certificates of witnesses. He relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



On this 14th day of February 1833 personally appeared before Phi R Nelson a Justice of the peace for the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia, John Dobson Sen who has sworn to the foregoing declaration and doth on his oath make this additional statement in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That his first services were at Sandy point on York River under the Command of Capt'n John Camp at which place he served at least Six Months. That his next services were at Gloucester Town under Capt'n John Thruston, and under Capt'n Samuel Iddings [sic: Samuel Eddins] of the Artillery, at which place he served Nine months in succession. That he also served in York Town at least six months; and was then take to Williams Burg, and served there and at the magazine, in a few miles of that place, between Six and Eight months, a Considerable part of which time, he was employed in moulding bullets at the magazine for the army. that he was then brought back to Gloucester County and served at perrin's not far from Gloucester Town at least three months, at which he was on duty when Lord Corn Wallis Surrendered in York Town.

that besides the above he rendered occasional services at several other place for short periods

On this 19th day of April 1833 personally appeared before Jno. Sinclair a Justice of the peace for the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia John Dobson Sr who has sworn to the above declaration, and made Oath, that he did not intend to be understood as saying that he served a tour of six months at Sandy point, in the militia, another of Nine months at Gloucester Town, another of six months in York Town,

and another tour of Six or Eight months in and near Williamsburg; but that his meaning was this; that he served two tours of three months in succession at Sandy point; and that he served three or four successive tours at Gloucester Town under said officers, not serving any where else, a tour in the mean time. Also that the six months in york, were under two tours of service.

And that the Six or Eight months, in and near Williamsburg, though not under one tour of service, was in succession, for after his three months was out, he entered on a fresh tour, and continued to the best of his recollection for the time that he has stated.