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Pension Application of Richard Armistead W20633

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State of virginia County of Mathews

On this 8 day of October 1836 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace Elizabeth Armistead a Resident in the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged Eighty Four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: that she is the widow of Richard Armistead who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war, he entered the service of the United States in 1776 under Capt Josiah Foster as a Militia man and so continued untill the end of the war, I do not Recollect the numbers of his towers of duty but he was the most of his time out on guard. I know of no Engagement that he was in, he lived in gloucester County Kingston parish when he entered the service where he lived all his life time, She Further declares that she was married to the said Richard Armistead in 1770 by parson Fields and that her husband the aforesaid Richard Armistead died in the year 1824 and that she has Remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereto annexed

Elizabeth herXmark Armstead

We Josiah Pugh [pension application W5586] & Isaac Smith [S11427] do upon Oath testify and declare, that we were born & raised in the Parish of Kingston, Gloucester County (now Mathews County) that we knew and were well acquainted with Richard Armistead from his boyhood until his death, which was in the year 1824, that he was born and lived in the same parish and County with us and never was a resident of any other County. that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 (the time Lord Dunmore came to Gwyns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, May 1776] as a private under the command of Capt. Josiah Foster and served as follows viz – In the year 1776 at New point one month. In 1777 under the same officer at the same place, at one time, two months & at another one month. In 1778 he was called out under the same officer and served two tours of one month each at the place aforesaid. In 1779 he served under the same officer two tours of duty making two & half months. In 1780 he was called out under command of sd. Officer on different tours about two months. In 1781 he was again called out, but do not recollect under what officers, and served a tour of duty at New point (at which place a constant guard was kept) consisting of about three months. He had many skirmishes while stationed at New point – the number we do not recollect, & that we served with him at the place above specified. Further we do, and each of us doth testify and declare, that he was married in the County of Mathews to Elizabeth Jarvis in the latter part of the Winter in the year 1770 (agreeably to neighbourhood report for neither of us was at the marriage) that he lived with the said Elizabeth during his life – that he raised children who are now living in this County and heirs of his estate; & that we have frequently seen him with his wife previous to the termination of the Revolutionary War, and that the sd Elizabeth has remained his widow ever since

The statements made with regard to the times of service are to the best of our recollections

[13 Mar 1837]

[signed] Josiah Pugh [signed] Isaac Smith

[On 21 Sep 1836 William Diggs [S8327] and Isaac Smith made a similar declaration of Armistead's services.]

NOTE: Elizabeth Tumblerlin, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Armistead, testified that she was born on 22 Aug 1773. Robert Hudgens deposed that Elizabeth Armistead died on 23 Dec 1836 leaving the following children: Elizabeth Tumberlin, Susan Armistead, and Isaac Armistead.