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Pension Application of Thomas Baird W9712

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State of Indiana }

County of Knox } S.S.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared, in his own residence, county and state aforesaid, before me Richard P. Price, one of the associate Judges of the circuit court of Knox county aforesaid, Thomas Baird, an old, and well known, worthy citizen, who is evidently unable by reason of a long continued bodily infirmity, to visit the county seat and to appear in open court, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration: That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty nine by family record in February of that year, and is now aged upwards of eighty three years: That in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six he was drafted as a Militia man in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania and thereupon joined a company under Captain William Thompson in Col'l. Joseph Armstrongs Regiment of State troops: That in said company and Regiment, he marched to Jersey, and was quartered from the month of December until April of the next year near the troops commanded by Genl Sterling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling] at Brunswick where in 1777, the Regiment was discharged: That he received no written discharge or if he did it is lost; he has no documentary evidence in his possession, and he knows of no person now living, of whom he could procure testimony of the actual service, which on the tour of duty stated was about six months: That he continued to reside in Cumberland county aforesaid, and elsewhere in Pennsylvania, and rendered other occasional services to promote the cause of freedom until March 1780 when he removed to Jefferson county [formed in 1801 from Berkeley County] Virginia, and in July of same year when volunteers to punish hostile Indians were called for by Colonel George R. Clark [George Rogers Clark], in said county of Jefferson, he joined a company under Captain William McClure, and was elected Lieutenant by said company in which capacity he served without any written commission: That with said company and other troops he marched under Col'l. Clark to the mouth of Licking River, where a number of men under Col'l. Benjamin Logan joined the command, and all crossed the Ohio River and built a blockhouse above the mouth of the Miami river, where the city of Cincinnati now stands, under the orders of Col'l. Clark: That leaving the said Blockhouse manned, he marched with the main body of the troops, to the Indian villages on the Little Miami where a sharp conflict took place with a body of Indians, in which our troops lost fifteen men killed, and the Indians dispersed leaving a number of their dead on the ground – after destroying the said villages and a quantity of corn, he returned with the company, by the same route they had proceeded when going out: That in 1782 the Militia at Jefferson county aforesaid, were again called into service by Col'l. G. R. Clark, and he joined a company under Capt'n Charles Polk, and with said company marched under Col'l Clark on the same route of the former expedition crossing the Ohio at the mouth of Licking until he reached the site of the Blockhouse above the mouth of Miami as already stated, where he discovered the house had been destroyed by the Indians, and a new blockhouse was immediately erected by our men; the main body then proceeded to Indian villages on the big miami, and found them almost deserted [10 Nov 1782]; and after destroying them, and destroying a large quantity of corn, and restoring to freedom some whites, of both sexes, found to have been taken off prisoners and detained by the indians, the company returned home by the same route: that he received no written discharge but invariably served out his different tours of duty; and he knows of no person now living, of his companions on the expeditions mentioned, whose testimony he could procure and that each expedition generally occupied two months time: That for the services he rendered with the Pennsylvania Militia in Jersey, he received some depreciated continental paper; and in all the other services he found his own equipments, and his own rations, and has received no compensation in any way: that he removed

from Jefferson County aforesaid to Knox county, then in N. W. Territory, in the year 1802, and has resided in said county of Knox, now Indiana, Thirty years: That he relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except that under the act of congress aforesaid; and this being his first application, his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

[signed] Tho. Baird

Indiana Knox county S.S.

Before me, Rich'd. P. Price, associate Judge of the circuit court of Knox county aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Baird, in his own residence in s'd. county, who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that the services related in the foregoing original Declaration were all rendered, except during one tour when he acted as a Lieutenant, in the capacity of a private soldier: that the first tour of duty was six months or thereabout, that the second was three months when he acted as an officer under Capt'n. McClure, and the third tour three months; that by reason of old age and loss of Memory he cannot swear to the precise length of other services mentioned in said original Declaration, but he thinks that all his services should be estimated in awarding the recompense he claims as a pension  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833      Thomas his Xmark Baird

NOTE:

On 5 Nov 1838 Jane Baird of Sullivan County IN, age 74 on 8 June 1838, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Baird on 20 Sep 1791 in Jessamine County KY, and he died 24 Oct 1834. On 22 Apr 1839 Joseph Baird certified that the family record transcribed below was written by his father, Thomas Baird, in his Bible. He stated that Ann, Archibald, and Martha Baird were all born in Kentucky, and that Amelia, Joseph, and Amanda Baird were born in Knox County IN. On 2 June 1843 Jane Baird applied under a later pension act, with her age given as 88. On 17 March 1849 as a resident of Knox County, she applied again, with her age given as 84.

Charles Baird was Born May the 28<sup>th</sup> 1777

Mary Baird was Born January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1779

Jane Baird was Born November the 28<sup>th</sup> 1781

[page torn here and at \*]mas Baird was Born December [\*]<sup>th</sup> 1783

[\*]<sup>th</sup> Baird was Born January [\*]<sup>th</sup> 1787

Esther Baird was Born June ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1789

Ann Baird was Born October ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1792

Archabald Baird was born January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1797

Martha Baird was born November ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1799

Amelia Baird was Born at post Vincennes Sept ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1802

Joseph Baird was [\*] ye [?]<sup>th</sup> 1805

[\*]as Born July ye 27 18[\*] [Amanda Baird, 27 July 1809]

Thomas Baird was born Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1749

Died oct the 24<sup>th</sup> 1834 aged 85 years 8 months and 10 days

Sally Handly was born Feb [illegible] 1783

Betty Handly was born July 22<sup>th</sup> 1786

Reachel Handly was Born January ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1789

Joseph Baird was born in y Sept 11 1805