

APPLICATION FOR PENSION

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State of Kentucky
Clarke County

On the 18th day of Oct'r, 1833 personally appeared before me Fielding Combes (a Judge and Justice for the County of or said) Peter DeWitt aged 81 years on the 8th day of July--who being first duly sworn according to the Law oath on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June, 1832---that he entered the services of the U. S. under the following named officers, and served as here-instated----

First he says he was born on the 8th of July 1753 in the State of New Jersey in Sussex County, and there he states he lived till about 12 yrs old, and then he moved with his father to Virginia, Hampshire Co., and from this Co. on the 15th of June 1775 he volunteered in Capt. Cresap's Company---Lieutenant Daniel Cresap, Esign Ogle, a Col. A McDonald,

Rendezvoused at Redstone Old Fort. We here continued for two or three weeks. From thence we marched to the head Waters of the Bullslow--From there to the head of Whelling Creek. From thence to the mouth of Grave Creek. At this place we continued for some to obtain provisions. From thence we moved to the mouth of Fish Creek--from thence across the Ohio and pursued on Indian Trail, and so continued to within eight miles of their town, and had a short skirmish with some lying in Ambush---Had two of our men killed and six wounded, we left at this place a guard to take care of the wounded, and pursued on towards the town, until we arrived at the Mushingum River, at this place we stopped, and he states that he remembers well of John Hargus Killing an Indian Across the river at a distance of about two-hundred yards.

Our Col. then gave orders that no other gun should be fired, and as the indians were on the opposite side of the river, our interpreter invited some over to treat, but they declined--breaking camp next morning by eight we started for their town's. The first we reached was called Wackstomaca. We however, first desired a treaty but effected none. But as they evacuated the Town we took possession (possession) without opposition--From thence we marched to Snake Town--From thence to a town called Whikaomanus Town. At this town we had a Skirmish, had one wounded and took an Indian prisoner, and from thence we marched on home and arrived home on the 16th of Sept. 1775 after an absence of three months on duty, and was discharged--on this tour he served as a private soldier.

He states the next services he remembered was from Maryland, Washington county in the year 1776 and the 15th of April as well as he can remember-- He was drafted for six months in Capt. Kimberlins Company of Spies and Rangers and ranged through the mountains in the County Washington, and those contiguous to prevent savages from murdering the defenceless women and children while their husbands were out in the service of their country--- he stated he so continued to range and spy as a private soldier, until the 13th or 16th of Oct, insuing at that time he returned home, and was regularly discharged by his captain. But have lost it---He states he served a tour in the following way---in the year 1777 there was a man by the name of James Night who had deserted the U. S. Army and Capt. (whose name he has forgotten) advertised that if any man would arrest him he should receive a discharge for Six Months. "Note" (while it doesn't state specifically at what season of year, in all probability he took his discharge in the warm weather in order to farm.)

He states that he immediatly started in search of him, and after hunting several days through an enemies country consisting of Tories and Indians he says he found him and arrested him and lodged him in safely in Romney Jail in Hampshire County Va. and for this he says he got a discharge for Six months--- he says on the march he was at considerable trouble and expense and much fatigue and danger before he found him. He thinks therefore he ought to have an allowance for it, as he performed the service required by the government.

He states he served many other tours, the particulars of which he has forgotten and therefore claims nothing for them---the length of time as above putting together will amount to 15 month allowing for the Six Months last mentioned, if not more.

He states he has a record of his age in an old Dutch Bibly (neat 200 yrs.old) and it makes him 81 yrs old on the 8th of July next. He has already stated where he was living when called into the service---also the manner of entering the service. He says that as his services were in the way as a bove described he had no opportunity for forming any acquaintances with the regular officers--- as to a discharge he states that he has "named above, the same" never received a written discharge. He states that he never had a commission but served the several tours as a private soldier---He states that he is known by many of his neighbors as a man of viracity and as to his reputation in his neighborhood to have been a Soldier of the Revolution. But particularly by Thos. Boon, a clerghman residing in his neighborhood and Thos. Caston residing in the same, who can testify of the above facts.

He also states that he is now old and helpless and unable to get about so much that he finds it quite inconvenient for him to get to Town, it being a distance of twelve or fifteen miles from his home---He herely relinquishes very 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year of or said. He also states that he has no witnesses to prove his services. (Signed in his own Hand) Peter DeWitt, Follow affidavit of Thos. Boon, etc.

On the old envelop it is recorded:--Peter DeWitt who was a private in the Company Commanded by Col. McDonald in the Virginia line for Six (6) Months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky pensions at the rate of \$20 per annum to commence March 1831.

Paid arrears to the 4th Sept	\$50.00	Semi-an-allowance ending 4 March.
	<u>\$10.00</u>	
	\$60.00	