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Pension application of Thomas Lytle (Little) S8873

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Court now Sitting, Thomas Lytle, a resident citizen of said County and State aged about 82 years who first being 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 the 7 June 1832.

That after being in various irregular scouting parties both as private and Lieutenant, he was commissioned as Captain by Colonel Bateman of Rowan [County] who ordered him up in the year 1777 or early in the year 1778 with 25 men to the upper forts on the Catawba River to check the Indians. That on reaching the upper forts called Cathey's Fort, Davidson's Fort & Warford's [Wofford's?] Fort, that he commanded 9 months at Cathey's Fort, and during this time he was as necessarily required acting as a ranging or scouting Party he and his men from the three forts Cathey's, Davidson's & Warford's Forts for the tour of one and a half or two years. That he belonged first to the Rowan militia & then after the County of Burke was erected he was under the command of General Charles McDowell & that he remained in command at the upper forts on Catawba until the Indians made peace. That before he went into this service & that before he was commissioned Captain he served as Lieutenant under one Robert Holmes Captain & Hambright Lieutenant Colonel General Lincoln in a tour of three months in defense of Charleston whilst besieged by the British but that they was (his men) discharged the day before Charleston was taken by the British and that he has no documentary evidence of his service and must be made Leave to Refer to the Several affidavits here unto appended, both of those who served with him and others who well knew him to have the command by him stated & to have an a faithful and bold officer in the revolutionary Struggle for years; especially when the Indians were laying waste and destroying this country then a frontier. That the commission he acted under was handed to him by Col. Bateman in the presence of Colonel Hugh Brevard who was then in the service and succeeded Col. Bateman in command at the very time that he Thomas Lytle received his said commission & that he thinks said Brevard signed it for he then took the command for that Bateman at the time told him in the presence of Brevard that he hereafter must look to Brevard to command as he Bateman was about to move away. He further states that in one of their scouts after the Indians on the upper waters of the Catawba that he got his commission wet & took it out to dry it & stuck it up in the crack of a house above the fire where they slept & went off having then forgot it and never saw it afterwards. He was born in the County of Rowan and was sent up here to take the command & has lived here ever since. That he is as before stated 82 years of age – that I am well known to Isaac Thompson, John Duckworth and Samuel Batton who served under him and whose affidavits are hereunto appended, as well as that of Colonel John Carson of Burke whose affidavit he expects to get and does append (see appendix A) (No. 2A).

That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

I further state that I got to King's Mountain just after the Battle was fought in the year 1780 and saw Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] lying dead & learnt that he wrote with & used his sword with his left hand. I knew General Lincoln when in command at Charleston – he was a well set strong man but not very [illegible word]. I cannot State the force of our own side well from the idea of my memory – But I knew Colonel Washington [William Washington] when he was in the Southern war.

S/ Thos. Lytle

Sworn to in open Court 23rd of October 1832.

Test: S/ J Erwin, Clerk