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Kentucky

David Griswell

who was a private in the State of Kentucky
by Captain M. B. [unclear] of the [unclear] command
in the Pennsylvania
line for 8 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 3 day of Sept
1833 and Edmund
D. Thomas Murharts

Arrears to the 1st of Sept 66.67
Servant. allowance ending 1st March 1835

\$80.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by [unclear] Clerk

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State of Ky Henry County } 55

on this 11 day of November 1838 personally appeared before me
Dana Adams one of the Justices of the Peace ^{in and for} of Henry County
of Dana Lawrence aged twenty two years who (being) first
duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit
of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832

This deponent states that he entered the service of the United
States as an Indian file and served as such in Spain (1813)
that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer
soldier under Capt Hugh Melellan of Cumberland County
Pennsylvania for a term of two months that he not entered
service in the month of September 1780 (but on what day of
the month he at this time does not recollect he marched
with Capt Melellan's company from said county of bu
mbelaine to Bald Eagle Creek in the back part of
Pennsylvania in pursuit of some Indians that were comm-
itting some depredations on the frontier settlements on
arriving at Bald Eagle Creek he states that the Indian
had taken and carried off two of the settlers viz John
Wilson and his son he recollects committing many outrages
upon the property of the inhabitants, Capt Melellan
then ordered his men in pursuit of them and one Ma
ch was directed to an Indian encampment called
Chinela camp upon the head waters of the Susque
hanna River during the gaugueing march in
pursuit of the savage he states that he suffered nothing
of process passing through a once thrice settled
country which was then almost entirely abandoned
by the white leaving nothing behind for a soldier
to set upon, upon arriving at Chinela camp the Indian

had dispersed; he states that after making several attempts
to subdue them and being unsuccessful that Capt McCall
= ordered the men back to Cumberland County
and ^{on} ~~the~~ way back they met Capt Joseph Borwit's company
going on the ^{same} expedition and after some consultation
between the officers it was agreed that both companies
should return he states that they returned to Cum-
= berland County and that he having fully and faithfully
fully served his time was discharged by this said
Capt, sometime in the month of Nov. 1780. - This deca-
= ried states that sometime about the first of March 1781 that
he again entered the service as an Indian Spy under
Capt Thomas Alexander as a volunteer for a term
of two months he states that Capt Alexander's company
was marched from Cumberland by to the back
parts of Pa. with the view of protecting the frontier
settlements and driving the Indians more westerly
he states that they arrived after a tedious march
in Melanoy Valley on the neck of the Susquehanna
where they remained for a short period however
= he does not distinctly remember and during their
stay in Melanoy Valley they were employed in re-
= moving the country, scouting, and speaking
in various directions. he states that the company
then marched about 30 miles to Bechtel's Fort to
prevent an attack upon that fort. Thence they marched
to Macomack's ^{Fort} and after remaining there a short
time they were then ordered to Anderson's Fort.
Thence back to Cumberland County where ^{he} was

discharged by Capt Thomas Alexander having fully faithfully and
laboriously served out his two month term. He further states
that sometime in the month of Sept. 1781 that the Indians
again recommenced their depredations on the frontier
settles when Capt Alexander solicited him to volun-
tee and head a scouting party he states that

Q. He volunteered a third time for a two month term
and started upon a third expedition during this expedi-
tion he states that they marched in a westerly direction
across Sand Stone Mountain and Turk Mountain
to Ricketts Fort Spring and pursuing the Indians
in endeavouring to prevent their depredations on val-
=ling (Macconicks) Fort during the abandonment of Capt
Alexander's company the Indians had become troublesome
= some that the fort was evacuated and the persons
who had been there forced had returned to the river
= cor of Pa for security, he states that the length
of time for which he volunteered having expired
and he being worn down with fatigue travel-
ing across pathless mountains and wandering
through a savage wilderness returned with his
scouting party to Capt Alexander when they were
discharged by Capt Alexander having served out his two
months. In the month of Sept. 1782 he states that he
was again called into the service as a dragoon. In the
mean he was drafted in the County of Cumberland and
and commanded by Capt Richard Lottin his
Q. His time of draft was for two months they were then marched
from Cumberland by Pa. in a westerly direction to the frontier

settlement on the head waters of the Susquehanna after crossing
=ing Stand Stone Mountain he states that they were stationed
at Little Mill on Stand Stone creek where they were
employed in reconnoitering the country and defending
the settlement from attacks by the Indians an other ^{of the} for stationing
the company at Little was to guard and protect the
mill as it was the only mill on the frontier to supply
both inhabitants and soldiers with bread in the
month of Nov 1783 Capt Coulters and his company
returned to Cumberland by Pa. and having served
out his term for which he was engaged he was discharged
by Capt Coulters in writing. His written discharge he
states that he has lost many years since he states
that early in the Spring of 1783 about the middle of March as
as well as he now remembers that he again volunteered under
his old Capt Thomas Skennaman for the purpose of
pursuing some Indians who had broken into the settlements
and after commencing many depredations upon the
property of the settlers they went to the house of David
Caton and took his whole family consisting of his
wife and five children during the pursuit after the Indians
= he states that they came across David Caton's wife
and two of his smallest children Johnson and Betty
= and the three largest they forced off with such rapidity
= early they were unable to overtake them after a time
= some weeks after these Indians he states he returned
home to Cumberland County being unable to overtake
them. He states that he has ^{no} documentary evidence
of this service and knows of no living witnesses by

whom he can give his service he will by all means
every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except
the presents and accords that his name is not on the
pension roll of the agency of any state

David Griswold

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of Nov 1833

David Adams

1- Did you and in what year were you born and where
born in Ohio County Nottingham Township in 1762

2- Did you have any need of your age. Ans. I had as taken
from my father's register. When were you being called
called in to the service. Ans. In Cumberland Ky Pa

11- Did you have any land since the revolution and where
do you now live (Ans) I have land in Huntington and

Bedford Counties in Pa. and in the year of 1790 I came
to Ky. I have land in Scott County Ky and I now live in

Henry Co Ky. Did you ever be called into the service
Ans. I volunteered three times of two months each. I was

drafted once for a term of two months - a fourth time
I volunteered to pursue some Indians. The length of

time I was gone was about one month upon my last tour
Did you ever receive a discharge and by whom

was it given (Ans) for the three first times I received no
written discharge. When I was drafted I was discharged

by Richard Powell in writing which discharge I
lost some years since - on my fourth expedition

I returned home after pursuing the Indians and
received no discharge. Did you state the names of

some of the regular officers who were with the troops
when you served and such Continental and Militia

Regiment as you can recollect. Ans. There were

Regular Officers or troops except Cold Blooded
Regiments which remained but a short time the Indians having
deserted they Cold Blooded with his regiment returned
to the Settlement in Padouttan the names of some of your
neighbours who are testify as to your character for
-city and true belief of your services as a soldier of the
revolution I will name Samuel Jones a Blugy man
and the Honorable Williams

We Samuel Jones Blugy man and
Honorable Williams residing in the neighbourhood of
David Crowell say that we have been acquainted
with Mr Crowell for several years and that we believe
him to be 70 years old that he is respected and believed
in the neighbourhood where he used to have been a
soldier of the revolution and a man of integrity
and that he under the name that he has stated in the
above declaration and that we concur in the opinion

Samuel Jones
Henson Williams
I own to and subscribed before me this day and year
aforesaid - David Adams
Samuel Jones who has subscribed and known to the
age and reputation of Mr Jones well as a soldier
a Blugy man and used in the neighbourhood of Mr
Crowell and Henson Williams residing in the
neighbourhood is a man of good character
under my hand this day and year aforesaid
David Adams

This deponent is a man of frailty infirmity
and advanced age that he is unable to appear in
open court to make the declaration without materially
injuring his health. Having been unable to return
home back without great pain for some years

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Criswell of Henry County Kentucky one of the sons of David Criswell who died in said County in the Spring of the year 1841 and who at the time of his death was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States on the Kentucky Agency at the rate of \$26⁶⁶ or near that amount do hereby appoint George H. Mansurat of Louisville Kentucky my true and lawful Attorney with full power of substitution for me and in my name to prosecute against the United States any claim I have to arrears or allowance or increase of pension to which my father became entitled in his lifetime

Said Attorney is authorized to do all necessary Acts and Deeds to carry out the foregoing purposes, and to receive from any Department of the Government or the archives thereof any information or evidence of whatever character bearing on this claim

Said Attorney is authorized to receive any character of Drafts or evidences of

amounts due me. And I hereby ratify
all his lawful deeds in this behalf.

Witness my hand and seal in
Henry County Kentucky on this 16th day
of March 1833

Robert Criswell ^(Seal)

Henry County Kentucky
Be it known

that on this 16th day of March
1833 before me Edward Turner a justice
of the peace in and for said County
personally appeared Robert Criswell the
subscriber to the foregoing power of Attor-
-ney and acknowledged the signing
sealing and delivering the same to be
his own voluntary act and deed for
the uses and purposes therein set
forth; and I certify that said Robert Cris-
-well has been well known to me for
many years and that he is one of the
sons of David Criswell deceased a Revolution-
-ary Pensioner of the United States

And I certify that I am disinterested

In Testimony of which I do here to sub-
-scribe my name, Edward Turner J. P. H. C.