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Downey, John

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Kentucky

John Journey
Newly in the State of *Kentucky*
who was a *private* in the *com* commander
Captain Wilson of the *com* commander
in the *Penn.*
for *1 year*

recorded on the Roll of *Kentucky*
at the rate of *40* Dollars *00* Cents for annum
commences on the *15th* day of *March*, *1831*.

Certificate of Pension issued the *17th* day of *Sept*
1833 and *Edward D*
Thomas Newcastle

amounts to the *15th* of *Sept* *10000*
com-ant. allowances ending *1st* *Dec* *2000*

12000

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832. }

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State of Kentucky - Henry County Set

On this 6th day of ~~October~~^{May} 1858, personally appeared in open court, before the Justice of the Henry County Court now sitting (Henry a court of record) John Downey, a resident of the said county of Henry & state of Kentucky - aged seventy seven years this thirteenth day of October last - who being first 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 June 9th 1832 - That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated - That he entered the service under Captain John Nelson & Lieutenant William Oldham - That he entered the service ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ~~month~~ of February 1776 - he is certain that he entered the service in the month of February 1776 - but does not certainly recollect the day of the month - and that he left the service on the 28th day of February 1777 - That he entered the service as an enlisted private soldier; and remained a private during the whole time - He further states that he was born on the 3rd day of October 1755 in the county of Frederick in the state of Maryland - That his father kept a Book in which his age was recorded - that he has often seen the Book - that after his father's death, his mother had the Book - after her death the Book was lost or given to some one that he does not know of & that he never saw it afterwards - he knows of no other record of his age - When he was called into the service, he was a resident of the County of Frederick, Berge in the state of ^{Pennsylvania} ~~Maryland~~ when he entered the service - That he entered for 12 months - That after the war was over he came to Kentucky in the year 1780 & that he has resided there ever since & for the last 30 years he has lived at the place in the county of Henry - This

Jefferson county (that is) 80 years ago - when he was
- that he went from Wagertown, where he intended to
New York, from thence to Albany - where this company in
which he intended found another company - under Capt.
Thomas Butler - From thence both companies went
by land to Fort George, near Lake George - From
thence we went on boats to the falls of Lake George
- (distance about 45 miles) from thence we went by land
to Fort Sencaderow - we did not stop here - but
again went on boats on Lake Champlain 160
miles to St. Johns Fort. there we staid a few days
- do not recollect how long - from thence we went
to the falls to a fort called Chamblée - there we
again went on boats on the river so we
went to the mouth, where it entered into the
St. Lawrence - from thence we went to Montreal
- and there we found the first Pennsylvania Regiment
- Commanded by Col. La Hore - a dutchman -
and Gen. Arnold - the British & Indians had taken a
fort called St. Ann's, about ~~two~~ days march from Montreal
& 300 prisoners - Arnold with about 700 troops &
I was one - went to retake the fort & prisoners. before
we arrived the fort was deserted - we followed them
until night & returned to the fort, there was then a treaty &
the prisoners given up - we then went a few miles
in pursuit of the British & Indians, but seeing as I was
unarmed, that our boats would be taken, we went back
to the boats & returned to Montreal - after some time
we went down the river St. Lawrence to the mouth
of the Sorel - there we met with the rear guard
of some other american troops, retreating - we went
on to St. Johns, part of our troops, had retreated to that
fort - & others on an island in Lake Champlain - Gen.
Sullivan was there & commanded - from thence we
went to an island called Matte in Lake Champlain &
staid there until boats came from Sencaderow & then

ment to two places - Some of the troops were left
at Crown Point. I think two Regiments - one was
commanded by Col. Haileley - Genl. Anold & Sullivan
came with us up to Escandaroga. This was in the
month of July or August - that we got back to
Escandaroga. We remained there until the
20th of February 1777. Anold & Sullivan did
not stay at the fort - Genl. Gates commanded
us after we returned to the fort - Genl. Mays
& Sinclair were also there - We left Sinclair
there - my Captain left the company before
he did, alledging that the time for which
we had entered had expired - I on the
10th of February his company contended that
our time had expired - I paraded with
the intention of going home - Genl. Mays -
persuaded us to stay until the 20th - & on the
20th Feb. he discharged us verbally - that he
got no written discharge -

~~That after the retreat had, in the first part of
the month of June 1777. That he substituted himself
in the room of John Aple, who had been drafted
for a term of four months in the militia - & was
a private - That he entered upon Capt. Smallwood
& went to Philadelphia, from thence to Chester and
I lived the day near Brandywine, Washington -
Tappan & Lord Stirling - were among the American
officers - That he does not recollect the Col. of
the militia's name - he was in the Battle of
Red Bank on the 11th of Sept 1777. The Americans
retreated - We went through Chester to Philadelphia
& afterward to Chesnut Ridge, where he was
discharged in the last of Sept. he had no written
discharge -~~

In the year 1780. That he had resided in the county
of Bedford in the state of Pennsylvania and ^{there} etc. etc.

first of march of that year 1782 he enlisted for
 and during the war of the revolution - as a private
 under Capt. John Thomas Boyd - in a company of Range
 Rangers, our lieutenant was James Thomas Conroy
 Henry Manes - Our company generally staid in the county
 of Bedford occasionally on scouting parties out of the
 county we had several skirmishes with the Indians & were beat of
 our Captains taken prisoner this was in the month of
 1782. In the summer season, on a scouting party - we staid
 in a fort at Frenchtown in the month of the month of
 Bedford - that he was discharged on the 21st day of June
 1783 & got a discharge in writing - from the 1st Sergeant
 W. Ward - that one of the conditions of his enlistment was
 that he was to have two acres of land either in Kenton or
 or Monmouth and county, which he never got - He states that he
 has long since lost his discharge - If his last services require
 proof or if any other of his services require proof he is unable
 to make it - & in that event he asks for a pension for his
 services which do not require proof that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person
 whose testimony he can procure in his own testimony to his service
 that he is well known in his neighborhood to David Adams
 Samuel Moore & Joseph DeCompt

who can & will testify as to his character for veracity & that they believe
 that he served in the revolution as he has stated - that no
 clergyman resides in his neighborhood
 He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity
 except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension
 roll of any state the agency of any state - sworn to & subscribed
 the day & year aforesaid -
 John DeCompt
 his DeCompt
 mark

We David Adams & Samuel Moore

Citizens of Henry county and state of Kentucky & neighbors of the said
 John DeCompt do hereby certify - that from our acquaintance with
 the said DeCompt we believe him to be of the age of 77 years as
 he represents - and that he is generally respected & believed in the
 neighborhood where he lives - to have been a soldier of the
 revolution & that we never heard of doubt
 and we do concur in the same opinion & and that no
 clergyman resides in the applicants neighborhood - sworn
 to & subscribed this 6 day of ^{May} Decem^r 1830 -
 David Adams
 mark
 Samuel Moore
 mark

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: $\}$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this pointed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of John Downey, Henry County Kentucky

| Period when the service was rendered. | Duration of the claimant's service. | | | Rank of the claimant. | Name and rank of the Field officers under whom he served. | Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service. | Proof by which the declaration is supported. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| | Years. | Months. | Days. | | | | |
| Entered Reg't 1776 | 1 | - | - | private | Capt Nelson | 77 years Beeford County Pennsylvania | Traditionary evidence, papers properly attached |
| Entered Mar. 1782 | 1 | 3 | - | " | Capt Boyd | | |

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.