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State of Kentucky,
County of Pendleton.

On this 25th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before John S. Parker, one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Pendleton, and State of aforesaid, Peter Demof, a resident of the said County, in the State aforesaid, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of August, in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy-five, at Winchester, Va. with Captain John Neville, for and during the War and served in the 12th Regiment of the Virginia Line, commanded by Col. Charles Scott, until after the battle of Monmouth when he was transferred to the Wagon Master's department, in which service he continued until a short time prior to the capture of Lord Cornwallis, when he received a furlough from Col. Wood, for sixty days, authorizing him to visit his family: He further states that before his furlough had expired, Cornwallis was captured and the Army was disbanded by proclamation, and not being with the Army at the time, he received no regular discharge: That shortly after the Army was disbanded he was offered a regular discharge by Capt. Waggener, of Scott's Brigade, (C. Waggener having succeeded Capt. Neville in the command of the Company in which he enlisted) but he declined, or rather neglected receiving a regular discharge, under the impression that it would never avail him

2. anything. The said Demoff further states that he was placed on the Pension Roll under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and has been dropped therefrom on account of property; he therefore supposes it to be unnecessary to state every particular relative to his services as a soldier in the Army aforesaid. — And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency as a pensioner at this time in any State.

He further states that he made an effort after his name was struck from the Pension Roll as aforesaid, to be reinstated, under an Act of Congress of subsequent date to that of 18th March 1818, and he thinks he did then surrender and deliver up his Pension certificate, and if not, that it is either lost or mislaid. The said Demoff further states that he has never applied for, or received, his land which he was and is entitled to for his services aforesaid, and the reason why he has not done so, was because he was informed and believed that it was not worth the trouble and expense which he would have to incur in procuring a title to it, after the lapse of so many years, he being, moreover, entirely ignorant and unadvised as to the necessary steps to be taken in order to obtain it. But now as he has applied for a Pension under the 6th Act of 1832, if the same proof shall be considered sufficient to establish his claim to his land, under any former Act of Congress, he prays the Government to grant it to him. ^{He states that from a recent wound in the foot he is unable to attend court.} sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Peter Demoff

State of Kentucky Act

Pendleton Circuit Court, October Term 1820.

On this 19th day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, the same being a Court of record by an act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, Peter Benoff, who is now on the Pension Roll agreeably to an Act of Congress, entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, aged on the 18th day of March 1818, aged sixty-eight years, resident in Pendleton County, in the State & Circuit aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz: In the month of August in the year 1775 he enlisted at Winchester, Va. under Capt. John Neville, of the 12th Regiment (in the Virginia line) commanded by Colo. Charles Scott, for during the war and served, as a soldier, until the expiration of the war; but never obtained a regular discharge, owing to neglect and other causes not within his control, he further states that his original declaration (by virtue of which he was placed on the Pension List under the act aforesaid) was made in the month of July or October 1818; and that the number of his Pension certificate is 5088. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, he further states, on oath, that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and hath not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property, or any part thereof with intent so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act, ^{of Congress, entitled an Act} to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval

service of the United States, in the Revolution-
ary War:—died on the 18th day of March
1818; and that he has not nor has any person
in trust for him any property or securities,
contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any
income other than that which is contained in
the schedule hereto annexed and by him sub-
scribed. Which schedule is in the words and
figures following, to wit: 345 acres of 3^d rate
land, principally poor, rolling, & broken; 200 acres
of which is not paid for; about 25 acres cleared
& nearly worn out by cultivation; One Mare,
12 head of Cattle, including 7 calves and yearlings;
seven head of Sheep; twenty head of pigs, including
10 shoats & pigs; one plain Cupboard & some Cup
board ware; five pieces of Potmottle, one set
of knives & forks & some few other articles of
household and kitchen furniture of the value,
perhaps, of twenty dollars.—Necessary bedding
and clothing not included in the above schedule.

Said Demoff further declared ^{on oath} in open court
that he is by occupation a farmer; but that
owing to old age & infirmity he is unable
to earn a support by manual labour;
and that his family consists of his aged
wife, now sixty two years of age, who is
also infirm, and one son (Geo. Demoff) of
the age of 18 years. Peter Demoff.

Sworn to & declared this 19th day of October
1820 before— John Kimble, circuit
Judge.

The court is of opinion that the
property contained in the above sched-
ule is of the value of Nine hundred
& Eighty-seven dollars.

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Peter Demoss
S.10558

Mrs. F. Bader
602 1/2 North 6th
Quincy, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to Peter Demoss, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10558, based upon the military service of Peter Demoss in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Peter Demoss are not shown.

Peter Demoss enlisted in Winchester, Virginia, served in Captain John Neville's Company, Fourth Virginia Regiment, and in Colonel Charles Scott's Virginia Regiment and in Captain Waggener's Company, Colonel James Wood's Twelfth Virginia Regiment, was in the battle of Monmouth, after which he was transferred to the Wagonmaster's Department and served until a short time before the capture of Lord Cornwallis.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 21, 1818, at which time he was aged about sixty-six years and resided in Pendleton County, Kentucky. He was also pensioned under the Act of 1832.

In 1820 he stated that his family then residing with him consisted of his wife, aged sixty-two years, her name, date and place of birth and date and place of their marriage not shown, and one son, John, aged eighteen. There are no further data in regard to the wife of Peter Demoss and no names of any other children are given.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of

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pension, the name and address of person paid and possibly the date of death of the Revolutionary War pensioner, Peter Demoss (S. 10558), you should address The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city, and cite the following data: "Peter Demoss, Certificate No. 1951, issued November 14, 1832, rate \$30.00 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, Kentucky Agency".

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator