

State of Virginia, County of Albemarle set:

On this 2nd day of October 1832. personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County of Albemarle county now sitting Richard <sup>a coloured man</sup> ~~Thimes~~ <sup>aged upwards of ninety years</sup> - though as he has no record of his age he cannot be positive as to the date - 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 7. 1832

That he was born <sup>a slave</sup> in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia - he does not remember the year - though he has been often told of his age, so as how to know that he is upwards of ninety years old - that he went from Amelia to Mechlenburg, where his master ~~remained~~ - when he was nearly thirty years old - that while his master (Joel Bevil) lived in the County of Mechlenburg, he set him free - after being set free he removed to Williamsburg ~~He was living there when the revolution commenced~~ he was having commenced, he enlisted for three years as a regular soldier and went to Williamsburg. He enlisted under Captain William Green and Captain Lewis Burwell - He marched to Williamsburg under Captain Isaac Holmes - after being at Williamsburg some time Captain Burwell assigned & he was commanded by Captain Dudley (Christian name not recalled) - he staid at Williamsburg about one year - He was pressed generally on what was called the fatigue duty, such as cutting wood &c. &c. He aided in cutting down Walker's grove near Williamsburg. From Williamsburg he was marched towards the Potomac when the troops were moving to the northward, and he was taken sick at Holland's Ferry and was sent back after getting well to Williamsburg. When he got well he was engaged in driving waggons for the army, & frequently making trips from Williamsburg to the Banath, in Albemarle where Buford's army were prisoners, almost constantly, bringing provisions &c. meritorious &c. &c. - He was thus employed during his service in the army. He was three years in the army under his own enlistment. When his time expired he took a man's place who he believed had enlisted during the war,

