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Pension Application of Zephaniah Gowen R4165

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[Capitalization partially corrected.]

State of Tennessee } Hawkins County }	On this 18th of December 1834 personally appeared before me John J. Walling one of the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions and also a Justice for the County Zephaniah Gowen aged about seventy six years old 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as therein stated to wit: about the sixth day of March 1779 he volunteered in the County of Henry & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Coniganer of the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col Haston [sic: Hairston] & Major Sammons [sic: Salmon or Salmons] from s'd County he was marched to Gilford [sic: Guilford] County State of North Carolina and was in the Service of the United States until about the 10th day of August 1779 when he was discharged by his said Captain and Col and when about returning home his said Captain prevailed with him to continue with him in service longer which this declarant he [illegible word] did volunteer other six months and entered the service of the United States about the 12th day of August 1779 under the command of the said above named officers and was marched to Henry County & state of Virginia & was in the service of the United States until about the 20 of February 1780 when he was discharged by his said Captain & Colonel and that in wrighting he was discharged this declarant states some time about the 28 of July 1781 he entered the service of the United States by being drafted in the said county of Henry & state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Rubel [sic: Owen Rubell] of the Militia commanded by Colonel Haston & Major Sammons and from s'd county he was marched to Yorktown in the state of Virginia and this declarant states he was there and in that siege and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis which was about the 19 day of October 1781 this Declarant states that he was he was discharged near york town about the first day of September 1781 which was in wrighting which he was discharged and returned home having served altogether fifteen months and was discharged as afore said and this declarant states he was acquainted with Gen'ls [Robert] Lawson & Stevins [aic: Edward Stevens] & Cols [William] Preston and [Charles] Lynch and with Gen'ls [Thomas] Eaton and [Griffith] Rutherford of North Carolina and Virginia who commanded the militia from those states and with Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] of the of the Regular Army and he is acquainted with William Walling [pension application S1935] a Revolutionary pensioner at the Jonesborough Agency and also with John Sillivant and E S Goodman and he states he was borne in the County of Halifax & state of Virginia and he has no record of his age and he was living in the County of Henry & state of Virginia when called into service and he had wrighten discharges as before stated but they have been long since destroyed by having his hous burnt and there is no clergyman in his neighborhood and he hereby relinquishes his every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of any state whatever Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me
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NOTE: Gowen's application was rejected because he did not specify the officers and periods of service in sufficient detail.