

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hously (Housley, Ousley) R5267 Lydia Ann Hously f22VA
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State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this 11th day of June 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Robert Hously a citizen of said County and State aged about 74 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: That he was drafted as a militia man in Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia in the year 1776 under Colonel Triplett, Captain Jo. Combs and Lieutenant Hously for the term of six months, that he was marched to Alexandria & kept until his term of service expired when he was discharged.

He states he is known to John Ousy and John Vance in his present neighborhood who can testify to his veracity & their belief in his services as a Soldier of the revolution – that he was born in Loudoun County Virginia. He has no documentary evidence of his discharge, and here with transmits the affidavit of John Ousy who knows of his service & served with him. 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 the agency of any State. Declarant states he is not acquainted with any clergyman who can make the affidavit required by the Act of Congress.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Clerk of Jefferson County S/ Robert Hously, X his mark
[John Vance and John Ousy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: Be it remembered that this being the 5th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Benjamin Sewell one of the Justices of the peace who hold the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County the same being a court of record John Ously¹ aged 76 years who being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following statements as Follows to wit that he is well acquainted with Robert Ously who is making an application for a pension in the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid for he is now present and I know him to be the same man with whom I served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Virginia line in the year 1776 and affiant knows

¹ [John Owsley \(Ousley, Hously\) R16894](#)

that the said Robert Housely [sic] did enlist in the service of the United States under Lieutenant Hously for the term of six months and that he was attached to the company commanded by Captain Joseph Combs and affiant states that he does not recollect with precision the length of time which he served with applicant but thinks that it was about 6 months if not more and affiant further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 5th of June 1833

S/ John Owsly, X his mark

S/ Benjamin Sewell, JP

[p 8: On May 6, 1843 in Hamilton County Tennessee, Lydia Ann Housley, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Hously a private in the Army of the revolution under Captain Cole as well as she recollects; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Her application does not contain the required statement as to the date of her marriage and the date of the death of her husband.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was denied a pension.]