

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Hunter R5401

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State of Tennessee, Anderson County: SS

On this first day of August 1842 personally came Francis Hunter before the County Court for the County of Anderson aforesaid, aged Ninety-three 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he volunteered in the fall of the year 1780 under Captain Burley in Albemarle County Virginia for the term of three months as a Drum man, he was marched to a place called the big Spring near Charlottesville and there Retained until his three months expired, he was discharged, he volunteered again in the year 1781 under Captain Frazier [perhaps James Frazier] for the term of three months also as a Drum man in Augusta County Virginia he was stationed near Stantown [Staunton] until his three months expired when he was again Discharged, he served Six months in these two tours, he was Retained at the two places mentioned and prevented from marching with the main Army, his officers being apprehensive that if he was taken by the enemy he would be put to death, as he had but a short time before he entered the service of the United States deserted and left the British Army, he does not now recollect the name of the field officers, if he ever Received a discharge he does not know what has become of it. He believes he was verbally discharged, he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no Person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service, he was born in Ireland in the year 1749, he has no Record of his age having left the same in Ireland, he Resided in Albemarle County Virginia and Augusta County when he entered the service severally, he moved from Augusta County Virginia to that part of Tennessee which now makes Cocke County from there to Anderson County where he now lives, 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 the Agency of any State.

He has heretofore disdained the idie [idea] of asking for a Pension believing it to be beneath the dignity of a Gentlemen, but time and circumstances have changed his opinion on the subject of Pensions, as such he has thought proper to ask for his Pension at this late day.

He states that there is no Clergyman Residing in his neighborhood, therefore he offers the Certificate of George Miller and John Carden in support of his claim sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Hunter, X his mark

[George Miller and John Carden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]