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Pension Application of Jonas Meador R7081

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State of Tennessee } SS

Smith County }

On the 30 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful John Chambers Saml D. McMinn & J. M. Copper holding the County Court for Smith County, Jonas Meador, a resident of Smith County Tennessee, aged 74 the 3 day of Feb 1832 – who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – That the entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He was born in Bedford County Virginia & lived there until called into service. He was drafted in Bedford County Virg. for a six months tour & entered the service on the 3 of October 1781. He was mustered into service under Capt Nathan Rice [Nathaniel Rice]. The company assembled at Prince Edward Court House & then marched to Richmond – it was then stationed as a guard & sent out on many parties of fatigue. The company to which he was attached was sent down James River 60 or 70 miles to unload a ship with amunition & carried down boats & lighted the ship. He returned with the boats & ship to Richmond & was discharged & received the written discharge of Capt. Rice which discharge was given on the 5th of April 1782. He has lost his discharge He was born in Bedford County Virginia where he lived where he lived until 1809 when he moved to Smith County Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He was born in Bedford County Virg on the 3 day of February 1758. He has no record of his age but has often seen it on his fathers bible he can prove his services by Isham Meador [pension application W25697] & Joel Meador [W7445] respectable citizens of Smith County who served with him –

The company to which he was attached was under march to join the main army when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] – they were near enough to hear the Cannon but did not reach until the battle was over. He was never in a battle & after Cornwallis Defeat was kept as a guard until his term expired.

He omitted to mention that about six weeks before his service expired he hired a substitute by the name of Andrew Elders to finish his time [see endnote]. after the 6 months expired the discharge was given the substitute in this applicants name, and the substitute brought it to him. He gave the substitute forty Dollars & a soldiers blanket & gave the discharge to a Capt. to try to draw something & has never seen it since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or immunity [sic: annuity] except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State. [signed] Jonas Meador

NOTE:

Because a substitute served part of Meador's six-months tour, Meador did not meet the requirement for a minimum of six month's service to receive a pension.

In support of pension application W5782 by the widow of Thomas Bandy, Jonas Meador at age 79 deposed that he had been a neighbor of Thomas Bandy and Nancy Burns in Bedford County VA before and after they were married, and that they were married in the same week as himself (22 Nov 1778).