

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Cochran S16350

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Adair County }

On this 7th day of September personally appeared before the Judge of the Adair Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Cochran a resident of Adair County and State of Kentucky aged 72 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 and served as herein stated.

He lived in Campbell County Virginia [sic: formed from Bedford county in 1781] at the time he entered the service in the year 1778 in the month of August he was drafted under Capt. Thomas Heath. Jno. Hays [John Hays] was his Lieutenant & James Linsey his ensign. under this draft he served three months in Guarding the magazine at Bedford Old Town a place now called New London he then received his discharge from Capt Heath There was no colonel commanding at the Barracks that he recollects & returned to his fathers where he resided in said County and put his discharge away at his Fathers and has never seen it since. He states that the same winter of 1778 he went on to the state of Georgia. And sometime in the month of February 1779 he volunteered under Capt Ried who was beating up for volunteers in Wilkes County & state of Georgia to go as a ranger or Indian Spie. in this expedition Mourning Hewitt was his Leutenant. Hugh Roan was his ensign. He marched from Wilkes Courthouse to Reids Fort there he drew his arms and was then out ranging through different parts of the country. He states that the Indians were remarkably troublesome to the people. In the Summer following the Indians came and stole between twenty & thirty head of cattle he with others followed them across the Ocony and Oakmulgy [sic: Oconee and Ocmulgee] Rivers the distance of about fifty miles we overtook them when they were encamped & preparing something to eat when we came upon them. A battle then ensued and we killed ten or twelve the precise no. not recollected took all the cattle they had stolen (with the exception of a few that were drowned before we overtook them) and returned to Fort Reid. We took a good many muskets a few camp kettles also and carried them with us. He states that he remained in the service at the Fort aforsaid and had very frequently to stand guard of nights and was in a great many little skirmishes sometimes would kill two or three Indians and sometimes more and in this way he states that he seved from the time he first volunteered in February 1777 a total two years and left the service in February 1781 That he got his discharge from Capt. Reid at Reids Fort then returned to his Fathers in Campbell County Virginia where he left this discharge and has never seen it since. The discharges he has no doubt from the Capt of [illegible word] discharged. He states that he has no record of his age. He lived in Virginia about 15 years after he left the service as well as he recollects. moved from thence to Tennessee lived in that state one Summer then removed to Adair County Kentucky where he now resides. He was born in Charlotte County Virginia about the year 1760 the month of April and the 8th day. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services above stated and that he knows of no person living now in Kentucky by whom he can prove his services. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforsaid

Thomas hisXmak Cochran