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Pension application of Isham Young S1889

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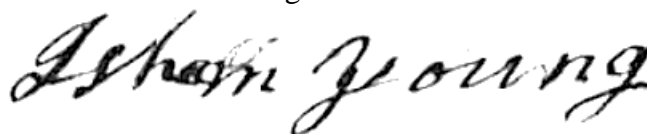
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State of Tennessee, Roane County: County Court October Sessions 1832

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William B. Clark, John Carter & William Galbreath Justices composing the Court of quorum & it being a court of record having a clerk and seal now sitting, Isham Young, a resident of the County of Roane aforesaid aged 72 years sometime last April who being 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 as a private volunteer under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered in the State of Georgia, Wilkes County under Captain Austin in the year 1757 [sic, 1777?] as well as he now recollects the first of May and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark [Elijah Clarke] applicant was marched then from said County of Wilkes to the Altamaha River in the territory of Georgia thence [undecipherable word] thence to Saintillas river [sic, Satilla River], thence to St. Mary's River there they joined the Main Army which was commanded by General Scriven [sic, James Screven] as well as recollected, & Colonel Walton was also commanding, they continued at the last named place about six weeks, there was a small engagement while at the last mentioned place & Colonel Clarke was wounded by a ball in the leg the Army then retreated in consequence of being disappointed about provisions, applicant was marched back to Wilkes County, applicant served in the above Campaign about four months, applicant remained at home a short time then volunteered together with 70 or 80 others under Colonel Benjamin Few who had but one eye, applicant was marched on the frontiers of Georgia again for the purpose of destroying the houses of the Tories and driving them out of the Country, they went to a settlement on the Ogeechee River, then marched back after serving about four months, applicant remained at home but a short time, then volunteered again under Captain George Dooling [sic, George Dooly or Dooley], attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Clarke, & Colonel Dooling [sic, John Dooly or Dooley] part of the Country formed an Indian Camp & killed one Indian the balance escaped, then [indecipherable word] the country but had no further [indecipherable word] returned home after serving four weeks, applicant then volunteered again under Captain John Wheat, for the purpose of guarding Pott's Fort, was marched to the Fort where he was kept in service about two weeks, applicant returned home where he remained a short time then went to South Carolina, there volunteered again under Captain Autree [sic, Autrey, possibly George Aubrey?] were attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Clarke upon the waters of Broad River, applicant was marched to Coosa Mills where applicant was in an engagement against the British & Tories whipped the enemy & took 50 or 60 prisoners then retreated up the country for fear of reinforcement where they remained a short time then marched down Broad River, came upon the enemy who had just crossed the River, marched back to Blackstock's, where the enemy attacked them had a battle

[Battle of Blackstocks, November 20, 1780] with the enemy and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] commanded who was wounded in the battle they then retreated again up the country, then joined the Regiment commanded by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was marched to the Cowpens where they had another battle, defeated Talton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] and his Army after a severe fight [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781], took three field pieces and a good many prisoners, Captain Cunihram [sic, Cunningham?]¹ was applicant's company officer, Colonel Washington [William Washington] a relation of General Washington, commanded the dragoons in this battle, the Army retreated immediately after the engagement up the country applicant was then dismissed after serving three months, applicant then went to Rowan County North Carolina where he remained a short time then volunteered again under Captain David Colwell [David Caldwell?],² in order to rout a parcel of Tories that was embodied at a place called the Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780], they routed them after killing several, a Captain Gillifalls [sic, Galbraith Falls], an American was killed in said encounter, applicant was then dismissed after serving one month, in a short time afterwards I volunteered again under Captain Gilmore for the purpose of routing some more Tories, found their camps, routed them, was then dismissed after serving about three weeks, applicant received no regular discharge, served in all the time of upwards of 11 months, applicant and himself in Surry County North Carolina where he resided until he moved to Roane County Tennessee which was about 23 years ago where he has resided ever since, applicant entered the service with no particular period but served as long as was required by his officers, has no documentary evidence of his discharge nor does he know of any person living that he can prove his service by, applicant was born in Virginia had a record of his age but has now lost it, applicant states that Samuel Eskridge, Esq., Major Meriwether Smith, William Crowder, Robert Christian & Jesse Gerryarn [?] [are] well acquainted with him, (and many others might be mentioned) who could testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as soldier of the revolution, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to in open Court October 23, 1832.
S/ H. S. Purvis [or Parris], DC

S/ Isham Young



[Joseph J. Mounger, a clergyman and William Crowder give the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months, some time in the Georgia militia and some time in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ J. D. Lewis lists a GA militia unit under the command of Major John Cunningham as having been at the Battle of Cowpens. See, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

² J. D. Lewis lists a Captain David Caldwell of the Rowan County NC militia as commanding a company at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html