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Pension application of Stephen Hancock S1955

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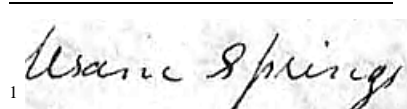
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State of Tennessee Knox County: SS

On this 4th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before us Elijah Johnson, Thomas Brown and B. McNutt three of the acting Justices of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County now sitting it being a court of Record Stephen Hancock a resident of the County of Knox and State aforesaid in the County of Knox and State of Tennessee aged 79 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 resided in Halifax County Virginia at which place in February 1780 he volunteered for a six months tour against the British under Captain Edmond King in Colonel Thomas Woods Regiment in General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade Rendezvoused at Halifax Court house Marched to Petersburg then to Williamsburg thence to Warm Springs [?]¹ thence to Hampton roads then returned to Warm Springs lay there till our time was out and was then honorably discharged which discharge was signed by said Captain King and was afterwards Burke when his house was burnt. He was discharged in August 1780. He served at this time 6 months.

Again while living at the same place as above he substituted in the room and stead of Absalom Handcock for a three months tour in September 1780 under Captain William Baits [William Bates?] in Colonel John Wilbushs Regiment in General Lawson's Brigade Rendezvoused at Halifax Court house Marched to Petersburg thence we went on board of a French vessel in went to Norfolk by water then we marched to the dismal Swamp thence to Williamsburg thence to Yorktown there we lay till our time was out and were honorably discharged in December 1780 which discharge was signed by the said Captain Baits and was burnt at the same time & in the same manner as the last Served at this time three months. Again while living in the same place as above in January 1781 was drafted for a three months tour under Captain Tapley White in Colonel Baitses Regiment Rendezvoused at Halifax Courthouse Marched to Petersburg thence to the Warm Springs thence to Portsmouth thence to the Hampton Roads thence to Petersburg thence to the warm Springs lay there till our time was out and was there honorably discharged in April 1781 which discharge was signed by said Captain White and lost at the same time and in the manner of the two former ones Served at this time three months



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He served in the whole twelve months. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. There is no clergyman in his neighborhood nor none that he knows of by whom he can prove the report of his service.

Sworn to in Open Court 4th of October 1832

S/ Wm Swan, D. C.

S/ Stephen Hancock, X his mark

[Jesse Parker and Jonathan Parker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]