Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Calhoun S2113
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State of Tennessee } Ss.
Obion County }
On this 6th day of April 1835 personally appeared in open court, the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting, a court of record of the aforesaid county; William Calhoun a resident of said county, and State, 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was first drafted int the service of the United States in Montgomery County in the State of Virginia, in the month of June or July in the year 1780 or 81 under Captain Buchanan, and served two months – that during this term of service he was stationed at the head of Clinch River in what was then called New Virginia – that after this term of two month's service had expired, he received a discharge from his Captain, which discharge he had in his possession long after, but has lost it with all his other papers. That two years after or thereabouts he was again drafted into service under Captain Davis, and served again a tour of two months – that he was again stationed at the head of Clinch River, and at the end of this term of two months, he received a discharge, written & signed by his Captain, which he has lost. He further states, that between the two drafts, ie from 1780 or 81 to 1783 he volunteered several times and was from home on service several tours, in all amounting to several months – Once two months – once one month &c – but that on oath he says he volunteered during that time & served positively two months. Thus making in all six month's actual service. He further states, that this was not the service of a minute man – but that besides this six month's service, he was a minute man and often went out on scouting parties for a week, and two weeks at a time. He has no knowledge of any one who can prove his service, being far from his native county; that he has no documentary proof of his service, having lost his discharges as above stated.
He further states, that the reason why he has not heretofore applied for a pension, is that he was entirely ignorant of the provision, until he came into the neighborhood of his children 12 months since & then he tried to procure a declaration but could find no one competent to draw it up.
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. [signed] William Calhoun

1 Where & in what year were you born?
I was born in Pennsylvania, Kent County, October 29th 1763.
2 Have you any record of your age, if so, where is it?
I had but it is lost with the rest of my papers
3 Where did you live when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War?
In Montgomery County Virginia I lived when called into service Twenty years since moved to Wayne County Tennessee and lived there until Nov'r. 1833 when he removed to the County of Obion where he now resides.

NOTE: A letter dated 30 Jan 1837 refers to S. S. Calhoun, son of the pensioner. A document dated 26 May 1855 states that the following were children of William Calhoun, who had lived in Obion County for three years before his death and had previously lived in Wayne County TN: Margaret Bedford, William Calhoun, Mary Gore, and S. S. Calhoun.