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Pension application of Richard Rushing S21457

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State of Tennessee, Perry County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1834

On this 21st day of July personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Perry Richard Rushing a resident of Rushing's Creek in Perry County & State of Tennessee aged 85 years who being first 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as hereinafter stated.

This Declarant entered the service of the United States in Anson County North Carolina in the year 1776 under Captain John Jackson (but in consequence of extreme old and loss of memory occasioned thereby he cannot with exactness state precisely the different tours and engagements under which he served but to the best of his memory he served as follows) Declarant entered the Service under Capt Jackson as above in the latter end of the year 1776 Declarant served this three months he was in a skirmish at Drowning Creek when this Declarant's brother William Rushing was wounded of which he shortly afterwards died but not till after we returned home Declarant here lost his horse & swam the creek with his gun in his hand the Whigs here were defeated by the Tories on this expedition he was a volunteer in the year 1777 he served under Capt Stephen Jackson in different tours not less than nine months. In the year 1778 he served not less than ten months under the same Captain. In the year 1779 he served under the same he served not less than eight months. In the year 1780 he served not less than six months. This Declarant would here state that the events of the War of the Revolution are so conglomerated in his memory that he cannot adjust them in proper order as they occurred at that time owing to loss of memory but on one of these latter tours he was in a skirmish with the British on Black River he was in another skirmish at Baties[sic, Beatti's] Bridge on Drowning Creek. Declarant cannot tell owing to the above cause state at what time or on what tours he was commanded by officers that he was under he was part of his services under Col Wade he was one tour under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and further he can not recollect. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any person except Philip Rushing¹ by whom he can prove the same [who served most of the time with Declarant]. He hereby

¹ [Philip Rushing S21458](#)

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 above written.

S/ Richard Rushing, X his mark

pWilliam Woolverton, a clergyman, and W. F. Doherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Perry County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1834
This day personally appeared in Open Court Philip Rushing who is a credible witness and made oath in due form of law that he served with Richard Rushing in the Revolutionary War most of the tours that he has stated that he served in the foregoing declaration and that he served as he states. Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court this 21st day of July 1834.

S/ Philip Rushing, X his mark

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Questions by the Court

1st where and in what year were you born.

Answer I was born in Virginia on Roanoke [River] in the year 1749.

2 have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Ans I have it at my house in my bible

3rd where were you living when you were called in to service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Ans I lived in Anson County North Carolina when called into service where I have lived ever since till about 15 years ago then from thence we moved to Perry County Tennessee where I now live

4th how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

Ans I was always out as a volunteer

5th State the names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served with Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services

Ans I recollect Col Smith General Rutherford and Col Wade but owing to old age & the consequent loss of memory I cannot tell whether they were Regular officers or no but I think Smith was a Regular & for the general circumstances of my service see my declaration

6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans I never applied for a discharge but was marched home by my officer & just dismissed till I should be wanted to go out again as I always held myself in readiness to go when called for

7th state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans William Woolverton and Col. W. F. Doherty and in fact all that know me. The reason that I called on Mr. Woolverton is that there is no other Clergyman that lives as near me and he lives not very far but in the adjoining County and preaches in my neighborhood & is well acquainted with me.

The Amended Declaration of Richard Rushing to his original declaration filed in the Court of pleas & quarter sessions for the County of Perry State of Tennessee.

This Declarant was in the battle with the Tories at Drowning Creek in the State of North Carolina where the Tories defeated the Whigs. I was there in the Company of Captain John Jackson and in Colonel Wade's Regiment and in some time after the first battle there was a second battle at the same place with the Tories where I was and we were again defeated and Colonel Wade was the Colonel commanding the Regiment.

I was also at the Battle on Black River with the British and I was in the company commanded by Captain James Fare [Fave?] and we were then under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. I was also in the Battle at Thompson's Creek with the Tories under the command of Captain Stephen Jackson. I was also at Lynches Creek in the Company of Captain Stephen Jackson when we shot at the Tories but they would not fight us. I was also at Richardson's Creek where we found the Tories had been taken by a company from Mecklenburg before we arrived. I was then in the company of Captain Stephen Jackson and as to the length of time I served in any Tour I cannot now recollect as I am now old and infirm and my memory has failed me. I cannot recollect any more particularly than stated in my original Declaration in this amended one.

S/ Richard Rushing, X his mark

State of Tennessee Perry County: This 7th day of October 1834 personally appeared before me John L. Houston an acting justice of the peace for said County Richard Rushing a citizen of said County and made [oath] that the facts stated in this amended declaration is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. I do also certify that I am personally acquainted with the said Richard Rushing and know him to be old and infirm and his memory has very much failed him. He is respectable and his statements are entitled to credit.

S/ John L. Houston, JP

S/ Richard Rushing, X his mark