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Pension application of Philip (Phillip) Rushing S21458

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

On this 21st day of July 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Perry Philip Rushing a resident of Rushing's Creek in Perry County State of Tennessee aged 78 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 under Captain John Jackson the declarant being the Ensign of said Company in Anson County in the State of North Carolina from thence marched to Gilbert Town North Carolina from thence to Pleasant Garden at the head of the Catawba from thence into the Indian Nation on the Hiwassee River from thence to the Valley Towns where some of our men were out fowling and the Indians came upon them and killed three of them, one of whose names was Turner he believes from thence was marched home by way of Pleasant Garden declarant served this tour the term of three months as Ensign the declarant thinks this tour was performed in the latter end of the year 1776 but owing to old age he cannot recollect precisely his Major's name was Davidson Col. David Love his Col. and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was his General. This declarant again volunteered under Captain Stephen Jackson in the year 1777 and was employed on the frontiers guarding the property of the Whigs and their lives from the ruthless hands of the Tories and British ~~Again in this~~ & he served this year seven months as a volunteer guarding the frontiers—again in the year 1778 he volunteered under the same Captain and was employed on the same service that is ranging along the frontier and served this year nine months as a private in 1779 under the same Captain the declarant served eight months still protecting the frontiers in these several last tours he does not recollect particularly owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory the events of this period of his services as he did not caige [sic, cage? engage?] his memory with minor events but in fact he nearly always was out in the service of his country from the year 1776 up to this time which was 1780 he recollects an anecdote of his Capt that is Capt Jackson that he the Capt usually said that he had killed 19 Tories & that he must kill the 20<sup>th</sup> before he stopped that is with his own hand—he killed the nineteen. The declarant in the year 1781 entered the service under Capt Bogan Col. Wade was his Colonel declarant was marched from Anson County N. Carolina to Cape Fear [River] where he was attached to Col Smith's Regiment & to Capt

Smith's company this declarant's own Capt & Col having left the Army this tour we had an engagement with the Tories on Cape Fear not far from Wilmington and defeated them after which we marched up and attacked the British in a large brick house some time not long after this we heard that Cornwallis was defeated at little York & went home This declarant states that on this tour he served two months He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he know of any person except Richard Rushing by whom he can prove the same 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 above written

S/ Philip Rushing, X his mark

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

#### Questions by the Court

1st where and in what year were you born.

Ans I was born in Anson County N. Carolina in the year 1756.

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

Ans my Bro Richard Rushing has it at his house

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

Ans in Anson County when called into service where I continued to live till about fifteen years ago I moved from there to the County of Perry in the State of Tennessee where I now live

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

Ans 1st ~~I was drafted~~ I was called out under Capt Jackson as an Ensign whether we were drafted or whether we the company just rise and went out with out a draft I do not now recollect all the rest of the tours I was a volunteer I know

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served with Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ans Gen. Rutherford Col Wade & Col Smith whether they were Regular Officers or State Officers I do not now know as I old & forgetful but I think at least Col Smith was a Regular as for the general circumstances of my service &c 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 received a discharge for in the past where I was we were just dismissed by our officer I was commissioned Ensign but I cannot tell certainly by whom it was signed but think Gen Caswell [Richard Caswell] it has long ago been lost

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

Answer Bascom [?] Woolverton I have who is the nearest preacher & W. F. Doherty & could bring in all my neighbors I would also refer to Honl W. C. Dunlap

The Amended Declaration of Philip Rushing to his original Declaration filed in the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Perry County. I was at the skirmish with the Tories at Thompson's Creek, at Lynches Creek, Hill's Creek, Richardson Creek and at Drowning Creek at Betty's Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge] -- we had a battle with the Tories and we parted without any decision and afterwards the Tories defeated the leagues but I was not in that engagement. I was on the Cape Fear River near Wilmington where we defeated the Tories who had defeated Colonel Wade at Drowning Creek. I was also in an attack on a Brick House in the possession of the British and after several fires we retired being unable to take the House. I was in the company of Stephen Jackson a part of the time, and a part of the time I was in the company of Captain John Johnson and at some time I was transferred to serve other Company in Colonel Smith's Regiment but I am now unable to recollect the name of the officers except as stated in my original declaration. I am now old and infirm and my memory has failed me so much I cannot recollect the dates of my service I can only recollect the places we had a battle or expected to have one and the names of officers, but what route we pursued in each campaign I cannot now recollect or the particular time I served in each campaign. I have only a recollection of serving my Country and being generally in service.

S/ Phillip 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 Phillip Rushing a citizen of said County and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing amended declaration are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am personally acquainted with the said Phillip Rushing and know him to be old and infirm and that he is respectable and his statement entitled to credit.

S/ John L. Houston, JP

S/ Philip Rushing, X his mark

I will take a pension for 6 months on this claim no in the old man and from his extreme old age he cannot recollect any more than stated in this declaration

S/ W. C. Dunlap

December 13 1834