

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Muse S30612

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County Court: Sct.

On this 18th day of February 1839 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for Pulaski County now sitting as a Court Richard Muse a resident of Pulaski County State of Kentucky aged upwards of eighty-six 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.

That while a resident of Wythe County Virginia the year by reason of old age lapse of time and consequent loss of memory he cannot state positively but according to the best of his present recollection, in the month of August in the year 1775, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Company of Captain William Harbert, James Newell Lieutenant: he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Campbell entered the service for no particular period, but to serve until he was discharged by his Officers. After he entered the service he was marched against the Shawnee Indians and continued in the Service against the Indians until the latter part of the month of November in the same year upon the making of peace with the Shawnee Indians. He was discharged by his officers and returned home. He received no discharge in writing. He cannot state precisely how long he was in the Service, but from the time he entered until discharged from service it was at least three months and at least fifteen days more before he arrived at home, that afterwards the year he cannot now state with certainty but corn planting time while a resident of said Wythe County Virginia he again entered the Service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Campbell or Colonel Campbell he was commanded by that officer he had no Captain according to his present recollection unless he was the Captain he entered the Service to continue until he was discharged by his officers. He was marched to Clinch River into a county then called Tazewell to guard and protect the frontiers against the Indians & Tories and after continuing in active service for at least one month he was discharged by his Officers and returned home, received no discharge in writing.

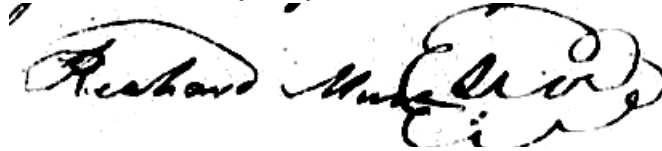
Afterwards according to his present recollection in the month of August in the year 1779 while a resident of said Wythe County Virginia, he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the company of Captain James Newell belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Lynch – he does not recollect how long he volunteered for but according to the best of his recollection he was to serve until discharged by his Officers. After the men were rendezvoused he was marched by his Officers to and was stationed at the Lead mines in Virginia to guard and defend the minds from the British, Indians and Tories. He continued in the service at the Lead mines until the latter part of the month of November of that year, when he was discharged by his Officers. He cannot now by reason of old age and loss of memory and lapse of time state

precisely how long he served in this Service but he was in service from the time he entered until discharged from service at least three months, and was at least fifteen days [indecipherable word]¹ engaged in returning home; he received no discharge in writing. He has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Robert Sayers a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States who resides in this County of Pulaski where affiant has procured and here offers properly authenticated he being from age and infirmity unable to appear in open Court to testify to his services. He is known to Joseph Porter Esquire Sheriff of Pulaski a member of the Pulaski County Court and to Simeon Weaver Esquire his neighbors and acquaintances who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution there being no clergyman resident in his neighborhood and immediate vicinity. He never received a discharge in writing for either of the terms of service he rendered.

He was born in Lancaster County Virginia in the year 1752, the day and month he does not now recollect, he has no Record of his age. He continued after the Revolutionary War in Wythe County Virginia until the year 1805 when he removed to and settled in Pulaski County Kentucky where he now resides and has resided most of the time in the same neighborhood where he now lives.

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 or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Muse {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Muse". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Joseph Porter and Simeon Weaver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Pulaski County: Sct.

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Robert Sayers² who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he has been long and familiarly acquainted with Richard Muse who is about to make application for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he does of his own personal knowledge know that the said Richard Muse while a resident Citizen of Wythe County Virginia entered the Service of the United States in the company of Captain William Harbert, James Newell Lieutenant belonging to the Regiment of Colonel Campbell in the month of August in the year 1775 according to his present recollection, and was marched in the service against the Shawnee Indians – that he was in service until the latter part of November of the same year. He further states that the said Richard Muse was again in the Service of the United States the year he does not now recollect in the company of Captain Campbell – that he continued on the service at least one month – he further states – that the said Richard Muse in the month of August according to his present recollection in the year 1779 again entered the Service of the United States in the Company of Captain James Newell, belonging to the Regiment of Colonel Lynch – was stationed while in service at the Lead mines in Virginia he remained in the

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² [Robert Sayer \(Sayers\) S35641](#)

Service until the latter part of the month of November of that year.

He further stated that he is 87 years of age, was himself a Soldier of the Revolution and at this time a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States – and is now and has been for 33 years a resident citizen of the County of Pulaski State of Kentucky aforesaid and that the time the said Richard Muse rendered said Services he this affiant lived in Fincastle County Virginia.

He is unable from age and infirmity to appear in person in the Pulaski County Court to give his Testimony as to the services of the said Richard Muse. Given and seal this 18th day of January 1839.

S/ Robert Sayers, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]