Pension Application of George Norton S38969
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State of Tennessee　　}　　　May Sessions 1818
Hawkins County　　　}
　　　On this 28 day of May personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Quorum George Norton aged about Seventy Years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said George Norton enlisted in the Town of Winchester state of Maryland under Capt James Winchester belonging to the 2nd Maryland Brigade sometime in the month of March 1777 but was placed in the company commanded by Captain John Gasway [sic: John Gassaway]. That the Regiment to which his Company belonged was the 2d Regiment commanded by Colonel Wolford [sic: Thomas Woolford] & Major John Stuart. that the Brigade was commanded by General Guiss [sic: Mordecai Gist] that said Deponant enlisted for the term of three years which time he served honorably in the United States service under said Captain Gasway who gave him an honorable discharge, which was countersigned by General Guiss, about the month of March 1780. This Deponant further states that he lost his discharge at General Gates' [Horatio Gates's] defeat at the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] and that he has no other evidence than this Declaration of his said services. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Statten island [sic: Staten Island, 21 Aug 1777] where Captain Winchester was taken Prisoner by the Enemy, in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] against the Hessians [sic] and in several skirmishes. This Deponant further states that he is in very reduced circumstances & that he is frail by reason of his extreme age & the many hardships and fatigues he has braved in the service of his County. and that he stands greatly in need of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services. And that he has never received any pension from the United States, and that he resides in the County of Hawkins aforesaid.

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Hawkins County　　　}　　　On this 29th day of August 1820 Personally appeared in open
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Resident in said County, aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration. That he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Enlisted under Captain James Winchester but was commanded by Captain John Gassaway 2nd Regiment Maryland line for three years. That he has received a Pension Certificate number 7,779. That his Declaration was made out in the Court aforesaid on or about the 28th of May 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 And that I have not since that time by Gift, Sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the Provisions of an act of Congress Entitled an Act to provide for certain Persons Engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any Person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the annexed Schedule & by me subscribed as follows viz one mare about 18 years old and a mare Colt about four years old, three head of Cattle & two Calves, 1 dozen plates, tea spoons, three or four Knives & forks, 2 pot & 1 oven & a kettle and one Tea Kettle. That he has a wife aged about 55 or 56 years now lying at the point of Death. that he has no other person living with him & that he is unable to support himself & stands in Absolute need of the assistance of his Country for support
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