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Pension Application of Richard Cooper S39357

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State of Tennessee Rhea County Court February Term 1821

on this 7 day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court Being a Court of Record for the County of Rhea so constituted by the laws of said State Richard Cooper aged sixty four 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 Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first may 1820 that he the said Richard Cooper Enlisted for the Term of two years on the 8 day of February 1776 in state of Virginia Essex County in a Company Commanded by John Webb [BLWt2052-450] in the Regiment Commanded by Colo McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] in the line of the state of Virginia on the 7 Continental Establishment [7th Virginia Regiment] that he continued to serve in Corpse until December 78 at which time he ReEnlisted under Lieutenant Benjamin Mosley [sic: Benjamin Moseley BLWt1932-200 or W5387] that he then served nine months under Lieutenant Benjamin Mosely and from thence he was transfered to into Colo. Procters Artillery [Thomas Proctor 4th Continental Artillery] Under Capt'n. Caster [Carter?] From thence to Capt Handy [George Handy BLWt1061-300] Company In Colo Lees Choir [sic: Legion of Lt. Col. Henry Lee BLWt1299-500] and Descharged at the head of Cooper River in South Carolina] then Descharged the 13 day of June 1783 that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Utaws [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he has no other Evidence now in his Power of his services Except these already Inserted and in persuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 person engaged in the land and 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 or means of support either in the County of Rhea aforesaid of which I now am & ever since the year 1807 have been a citizen or elsewhere have I any means of support And the said applicant is indeed in very poor and indigent circumstances that he is unable to support himself without the help of his Country and that he is worth no property nor has he any family or any Kind Relatives to support him and that he is by Occupation a labourer and is unable to persue it

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[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Cooper, Chas.]

I do Certify that Richard Cooper enlisted as a Soldier in the 7th Virginia Continental Regt. in Feb'y 1776 for two years & Reinlisted in December 1777 for thre years & Reinlisted Dec'r 1778 for the war given Under My hand this 16th July 1783 Henry Young [BLW2466-300] Cap. 5.V.R.

A Copy H. Randolph

NOTE: A federal application essentially identical to the first one was submitted on 4 Feb 1822, probably because the first application was scarcely legible.