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Pension application of John Richardson S4113

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State of Tennessee Overton County

On this the [illegible] day of the summer 1833 personally appeared before me C D Parris an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Overton State of Tennessee John Richardson <sup>aged seventy-three years in [illegible] last he has the record [of his age]</sup>, who has lived for the past 23 years in his present neighborhood in the County of Overton aforesaid who now lives a few Rods in the edge of Kentucky in Cumberland County in the hills of Wolf River he is directly in the same neighborhood and his intimate acquaintance and the Traditionary Evidence of his services, and those that are acquainted with his General Character reside in the Tennessee side and Overton County This is the reason why he applies to do his business and Tennessee and further the near Justice of the peace in Cumberland County Kentucky in the County where applicant lives is at this time gone to the Arkansas, he applicant has not the Traditionary advantage in Kentucky side that he has in the Tennessee side and he is in a very low state of health and is wholly unable to attend to his own business further than as he is waited on by his friends he wishes to avail himself of the present opportunity of doing his business as he is now waited on by a man to do the same, he applicant living in a remote place and have no bodily strength to attend to do the same, or procure anyone to do the same, and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes this Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

He has the record of his age in his prayer book as taken from his father's Record stating he was born the 2nd day of November 1760. He was born and raised in Bedford County Virginia until about 6 years old and then raised to be grown in Rowan County North Carolina. He states he volunteered and entered the service in the Revolutionary War to serve 3 months against the Indians. He entered the service in the spring season of the year 1777 the precise time not recollected to serve 3 months as a private under Captain John Connerly [Connally?] and marched off camped and stationed a while between the Catawba and Little Broad River and after marching to various points and directions he having served out his Tour he had a written discharge from his said Captain.

He served another Tour of three months as a Lieutenant in Captain Morris Clark in Colonel Francis Locke's militia Regiment to which adjutant Allcorn belonged his first name not recollected. John Littlejohn was Ensign of applicants company and William Littlejohn first Sergeant -- applicant was appointed Lieutenant by his said Captain Morris Clark and received a manuscript Commission signed by Francis Locke the Colonel of his Regiment they all marched on towards the South State started sometime in the fall season of 1780 and joined head quarters at a place they then called New Providence on or about the line between North and South State

and marched with General Greens [sic, Nathanael Greens's] Army and crossed Big Pedee [River] on Christmas day and applicant's company and Captain Smith's Company to which Lieutenant Shockly belonged was detached from the Main Army and sent to Salisbury to guard and finished making the Barracks and when the said 3 months Tour was ended applicant received written orders from his said Colonel Locke to discharge his men and applicant discharged them his said Captain Morris Clark being absent on a furlough said Tour ending some time in January 1781. Applicant kept in his possession his said Commission and discharge many years not how long he knows not when or in what way they was lost but he has lost them in some way. Applicant continued to live in Rowan County North Carolina some years after the war has forgotten how long then moved to Montgomery County Virginia stayed there a few years not certain how long he then moved to Sullivan County Tennessee and lived there 20 years, and then moved to Overton County Tennessee and lived in his present neighborhood and has lived within his present neighborhood for the last 23 years within half a mile or thereabout of the spot he now lives on though he is now in the edge of Cumberland County Kentucky. Applicant states he is well known in his present neighborhood to Benjamin Harrison, James Harrison, James Bunch & Nicholas Gunnels who can as he has no doubt Testify to his good character for veracity and that he is believed in his neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Applicant has no written or Documentary Evidence of his services and knows of no certain person by whom he can prove his service. He positively states there is no clergyman within his present neighborhood, and cannot get one without considerable Trouble, applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Richardson

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ C. D. Parris, JP

[Benjamin Harrison, Jesse Sewel and William Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died in Clinton County Kentucky December 5, 1836 survived by a widow, Betsy Richardson. The file contains no reference to any children of the veteran or his widow.]