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Pension application of John Rickard S9067

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"Salsbury Janury the 25:1781

This is to Sartify that John
Ricard hath Served a tower
in Colo. Locks Rigment in
Capt Sharps Compt of Burk
County Giving under my hand
S/ Maurice Ronie, Lieut."

State of North Carolina Davidson County: Superior Court of Law October Term 1832

On this 3 day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court for the County of Davidson now sitting John Rickard a resident of the County of Davidson (formerly Rowan) State of North Carolina aged about seventy-nine 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- he sets forth first that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1753 & has no record of his age. That when he entered the service he lived in Rowan County now Davidson where he has resided ever since. He states that he served his country under two different engagements. In the first place in the year of 1779¹ in the County and State aforesaid he was drafted for 3 months under Captain Byers: that while in this service he lay with his company for some time below Charlotte and then marched to South Carolina and was [indecipherable word] at the affair at Rugelys mill [sic, Rugeley's Mill]², where the Tories was made prisoners, he recollects that Colonel Washington was along with a troop of horse and recollects that while stationed near Charlotte Colonel Fife [sic, Fifer or Phifer?] Comanded the Regiment to which he was attached. He states that in the same year he was drafted a 2nd time for 3 months in Rowan County now Davidson and served under Captain Shockly of Burke County in Colonel Locke's Regiment was stationed some time on the old nation Ford on Catawba River & then was marched to show rock in South Carolina. He states that in the County where he now resides he is known to Jacob Goss & James Smith who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Jacob Goss³ having been in service on his first Tour. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service except a discharge from his last

¹ the events described by this veteran occurred in December 1780, not in 1779 as he states.

² December 4, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm>

³ [Jacob Goss S8579](#)

service or a certificate of service herewith appended given by the Lieutenant.
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.

S/ John Rickard

Jacob Goss maketh oath that he knows of his own knowledge that John Rickard did serve and
saw him when he was in service stationed below Charlotte [indcipherable word or words] being
sent there by Rickard's wife to try to get a furlough for him in which he fell.

S/ Jacob Goss, X his mark

[Jacob Goss and James Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]