



two 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 of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Micajah Rackley enlisted, for the term of 12 months, on the 25th day of April in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Evans in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hardy Murfree in the line of the state of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps until the 1st May 1782 when he was discharged from the said service near Bacon's Bridge in the State of South Carolina by a discharge in writing signed by Colonel Murfree and delivered to me by Captain Yarborough who then commanded the company.

That he was in the battles of Guilford and Camden as a militia man but was in no battle during said 12 months service and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except the evidence of William Darnell,<sup>1</sup> of Benjamin Perry and Judd Strother whose affidavits will accompany this declaration.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

I Charles Sherwood clerk of the Smith Circuit Court do hereby certify, that the foregoing oath (or affirmation) and the schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the records of the said court; and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$134.50. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and having knows official seal affixed my private seal this night day of April 1821

S/ Charles Sherwood, Clerk

Schedule

This declarant states that since filing his original declaration in which the clerk made a mistake in his name by naming him Micajah Backley instead of Micajah Rackley all the property contained in the schedule to his original declaration has been sold to satisfy a balance do you for 14 acres of land bought by him in White County about 2 miles from the Smith County line on which land he now resides. That he holds a bond for said 14 acres of land & will get a deed when he pays \$6 which is still owing, his property now consist of said 14 acres of land in White County worth

	\$100
one blind horse repurchased	5
3 hogs	3
3 sheep	6
2 pots	6
6 knives & 7 forks	1.50
one ax	2
2 hoes	1
1 Cotton Wheel	2.50
1 pail 1 piggin	1

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W6989

1 Handsaw	.75
5 Pewter Plates & 1 dish	2.50
2 glass tumblers	4.75
1 coopers adze	.75
1 old meal bag	<u>.50</u>
	\$134. 25

He has an order on James Tunstal for \$55, due 13 years ago which he refuses to pay & which I think is worth nothing

	<u>.25</u>
	\$134.50

He states he is a cooper and farmer, that he is unable to labor on account of an injury to his shoulder occasioned by a fall his wife is named Elizabeth 28 years old, who at present is the principal support of his family and of himself one daughter named Nancy aged 8 years, one son Calvin aged 6 years, one son Ruffin aged 3 years, who are unable to contribute to his support.

S/ Micajah Rackley, X his mark

[Judd Strother testifies that he wrote the original pension application and mistakenly wrote the name of the veteran; Benjamin Perry, 57, testified that he would recollects that he saw Micajah Rackley dressed in regimentals when he returned to Franklin County North Carolina in 1782 after he left the Army.]

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State of Tennessee to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the circuit courts for the State of Tennessee William Darnell who being duly sworn saith that he is in no manner interested in Micajah Rackley obtaining a pension is aged sixty-seven years and knew said Rackley in North Carolina before he entered the Army, that he knew him and has seen him in the regular service in the 12 months men of the North Carolina Continental line that he does not recollect whether he himself was in the militia or the 9 months service at the time he noticed said Rackley serving as a soldier that he saw him often in the Army as a regular soldier that he knew him after he left the Army and has seen his discharge which he understood was a discharge from 12 months service.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 19th day of March 1821.

S/ Thomas Stuart

S/ William Darnell, X his mark

[fn p. 6: on May 21, 1855 in DeKalb County Tennessee, Mary Rackley, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Micajah Rackley, who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$8 per month up to his death; she states that she married him March 17 1831; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Megerson; that her husband died in DeKalb County at his residence on May 27 1839; that she remains his widow.]

State of Tennessee DeKalb County: On this 10th day of July 1855 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Charles Ferrell a Resident of the said County aged fifty-seven years (with whom I am personally acquainted and who I certify is a man of truth and veracity) and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Micajah Rackley deceased who was a Revolutionary Pensioner. I knew him and his wife that he was living with him 1820 I was told by said Micajah Rackley that the woman he was then

living with was his second wife that he continued to live together as man and wife up to her death which was some years after said date of 1820 as I know being a close neighbor to them after her death he remained a widow were until sometime about the years 1830 or 1831 as my recollection now serves me when he intermarried to Mary Megerson as I know for celebrated the rites of Matrimony between them by virtue of a license issued according to the laws of the State I was at that time an acting Justice of the Peace of Warren County State of Tennessee duly commissioned and qualified as the law directs. I am also a minister of the gospel and was at the time that I celebrated said marriage & that Mary Rackley is still is Rackley's widow and resides near me in DeKalb County I know that Mary his widow now living never had any children or children by said Rackley.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Charles Ferrell, X his mark

S/ Abraham Lafever, JP

[fn p. 18: Moses Pedigo testified, among other things, that he knew Micajah Rackley's wife when Rackley first applied for his pension in 1819 or so; that Micajah and his then wife had the following children: "to wit: Nancy who mared Robin Love, Ruffen, Rufus Shelby, Emily Married Jasper [illegible last name, looks like "bellings"] all which have Removed from this Country but Nancy who Married Robert Love."]

[fn p. 24]

"Micajah Rittey is mustered as a private in Capt. Yarboro's Compy of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regt. of 12 months in 1781 and discharged 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1782. This comes nearer the name given than any thing else I find on the Rolls.

S/ Wm Hill, Secy [NC Secretary of State]  
18<sup>th</sup> July 1821