State of Tennessee Anderson County

On this 27th day of January 1848 personally appeared before me Alfred Sharp one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County of Anderson and State of Tennessee Augustus Wilson of said County aged eighty-nine years according to the account received of his mother who being 1st duly 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and circumstances – I lived in what was then called North Carolina near the line of Virginia and now Sullivan County Tennessee. I was drafted to go to meet the British under Captain Robert Kile and hired a substitute to go in my place by the name of __ mel [sic] in the year of 1780 or 1781 the date I cannot recollect.

I think in the year 1790 I volunteered under Joseph Martin for three months for the purpose of guarding the Ray Cove fort although called Carters [?] Station and served three months and ten days started on the 1st of January and was discharged the 10th of April same year. I received a discharge at the time from my Captain which has long since been lost so that I cannot now produce it.

I was in no particular battles during my services but there was 8 men killed and of the company I was in the most of it out of it. Jacob Boughman, John Benton, Digh Benton, Daniel Benton, Jesse Benton, Burwell Lenier, John Junason [?], Robert Bowman,

I again volunteered in the year 1794 under Captain Henry Clark to go against the Cherokee Indians to a place called the Chickamauga what towns but was not in any regular battles but in several scrimmages 1 on the lookout mountain where we killed one or two Indians or likely more – we was then in the service for about three months I do not recollect of getting any discharge.

I was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1759 on the 4th of May. I have no record of my age.

I was called into the service while living on Horn [?] Creek in the extreme east and of Tennessee Ie then moved into Knox County Tennessee and lived there several years and I then moved to Anderson County where I now live and have for the last forty years.

I was drafted to go into the service in the Revolution and hired a substitute and the other
times I volunteered.

I think Joseph Martin was a regular officer, Charles Robinson was commander in the Chickamauga Campaign and the other by Captain was the highest officer that I was under, I served as a guard about Carters Station and very often scouted out through the Country and in the other we marched something like one hundred fifty or two hundred miles down the Holston and Tennessee rivers.

I received a discharge for my services for the 1st tour for 3 months and 10 days and it is lost the other service I never received any discharge, that I recollect of, it was signed by Captain Joseph Martin at the time I was discharged.

William Sharp, Robert Stukebury [?], Jacob Stukesbury [?], Jack Lay, Lewis Miller, Pleasant M. Rogers, Craig Miller, Adam McCoy, Reubin Crage, and a great many others that has been long acquainted with me and know me well.

I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Alfred Sharp, JP  S/ Augustus Wilson, X his mark

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for Anderson County Augustus Wilson who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his declaration and in the following grades hired a substitute in the Revolution served as a volunteer in the Indian war for 3 months and 10 days served as a private and about 3 months at the other time as a private and for such service I claim a pension – Sworn to and subscribed before me the 27th day of January 1848

S/ Alfred Sharp, JP  S/ Augustus Wilson, X his mark

[Pleasant M Rogers, a clergyman, and William Sharp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]