State of Tennessee

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

On this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me Adam Miller and acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bedford in the State aforesaid Joseph Rogers a resident of said County aged eighty-two years four months and four days after being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit, that he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in the County of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina, about the first of April in the year 1780 and was placed in a company commanded by Captain Eleazer Mobley in a Regiment under the command of Colonel John Winn who was under the command of General Richard Winn he states he was mustered into service at Shirey's ferry [sic, Shirer's Ferry] on Broad River in said County of Fairfield and State of South Carolina, and was marched from there to Saluda River to a particular ferry on the same, the name of which he has forgotten, where he was kept for some time; and from there he was marched to a small village then called the Three Sisters, not a great distance from the Savannah River where he says he was stationed for 7 or 8 weeks, and from there he was marched down on the Wateree River and from there up on Saluda River again to Weaver's ferry where he states he was discharged or dismissed the first week in August 1780 after serving a tour of 4 months. He further states that afterwards in the month of November in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States again as a drafted Soldier in said County of Fairfield, and was placed under his former Captain (Mobley) and was marched into service at Sisters Ford on Broad River under the same Colonel and General as before mentioned, and was marched to a place called Winnsborough where he was stationed for some time, and from there he was marched on down the Wateree, in search of Tories, they being very numerous at that time throughout the State of South Carolina, and from there he was marched up the Wateree River to an encampment about 8 miles from Camden where he says he was kept about 3 or 4 weeks, and was dismissed some time in the month of February 1781 after serving 2 months and 2 weeks. He further states that he served in the whole a term of service of not less than 6 months and 2 weeks for which claims a pension -- And that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the United States. –

Interrogatories propounded

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?
Ans: I was born in Amealy County [sic, Amelia County] in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of September 1750.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
Ans: I have no record of my age at this time, but has seen yet often where it was recorded in my Father's Dictionary in the State of South Carolina, but where it is now I cannot tell.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
Ans: I was a citizen of Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina, when I entered the service of the United States, and continued there until after the close of the war, but I think I removed to the County of Fayette and State of Kentucky in the year 1792 or 93 -- where I lived nearly 3 years when I removed to the State of Georgia, and I think I lived they are 14 years, and then removed to Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee where I live about 8 years, and from there I removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I have lived ever since, and where I now live --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?
Ans: I was a drafted Soldier all the time I was in the service; of the United States. --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.
Ans: I do not recollect any regular officer with the troops where I served, our officers were militia all together and I believe I have given as general a history of my service in the foregoing declaration, as I am able to do at this advanced age of my life.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?
Ans: I never did receive a discharge to my knowledge but was dismissed by the Commanding Officers

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.
Ans: The Reverend R. W. Morris, Matthew Russell, Allan Perry Esquire and Martin Adams -- Subscribed and sworn to before me, the day and year aforesaid
attest: S/ A. Miller, JP S/ Joseph Rogers, X his mark

[Richard W. Morris, a clergyman, and Matthew Russell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]