State of Tennessee Davidson County

On this thirteenth day of November 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before William Williams, Enoch P Connell and Gilbert G Washington Esquires James G Hooker age sixty-nine years, the 16th of June last, who being first 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.

I was born 16th of June 1764 in Henrico County Virginia – I have no record of my age, it being destroyed at the time my house was burnt. I resided in Henrico County aforesaid, till the Revolutionary war, when I commenced service as a volunteer – I resided in Henrico County Virginia after the war was concluded for several years – from Henrico County Virginia I emigrated to Goochland County same State where I also resided about five years, From Goochland County Virginia I moved to Cumberland County Same State, where I lived near seven years & from thence I moved to Rutherford County Tennessee & there I resided four years, – when I moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, where I now live –

I commenced services at Hanover Court House Virginia as a volunteer, under a man by the name of Fleury who as an inducement to get me into service (I being at that time so young as to be scarcely able to carry a gun) offered a red jacket & red coat, & some money, provided I could carry a gun, – a neighbor who was standing by, at the time the offer was made, laughed and observed that although I was very young still I [was] large and strong and saucy for my age – I proved myself able & consequently commenced Service – I deem it proper here to remark that the reason why I have not mentioned the year when I commenced service is that at that time, I was so young as scarcely to [be] able to recollect any particulars of my service, & also, that when I might have been going to school, I was engaged in the service, of my Country, & therefore I never learnt to read or write & consequently the chief particulars of my service have been almost entirely forgotten, not having the advantages of history to aid me – but although I have forgotten the year, yet I recollect it was about the first of January when I commenced service – From Hanover Courthouse Virginia I marched under the command of said Fleury (we were then a single company, not attached to forming or belonging to any Regiment or Army), to Fredericksburg, same state, where we joined a Regiment under the command of a man I believe named Henderson or Anderson but would not undertake to say, but I recollect our adjutant was named Morris – from Fredericksburg, under those officers we marched to & along the Rappahannock [River] for some time, and I believe we turned off from thence and marched a while in North Carolina, & afterwards we left North Carolina & marched through New Kent
where our Regiment joined the Army & King William & Sussex Counties, about this time the
parts of the Army which our Regiment had now joined marched to little York, where we joined
the main body of the Army under the command of General Washington – I was at little York,
during all the siege of that place, – and immediately after the taking of that place, I was
discharged, having served, I believe six months – I was present when, Cornwallis presented his
sword, but Washington refused to take it and permitted him to where it, & also at the time the
sword was presented to him, he appeared deeply affected through his arms around his
(Cornwallis') net, and both appeared to weep –

I have no documentary evidence & do not know a person alive now who can testify to my
service – John Kelly, Larkin Phillips, John Henderson, James Grinstead, Dick Grinstead his
brother, John Browning & Absalom Browning, his brother, were all with me in the revolutionary
war, also my Father, who are old did – they, if alive, would testify to my service –
I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my
name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ James G Hooker, X his mark

[William H White, a clergyman, and Robert Cherry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as
a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]