Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Belfield Wood W4492
Transcribed by James S. McDonald
Punctuation, grammar, and spelling as original.

State of Tennessee
Fentress County

On this 23rd day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Robert Richardson - an acting Justice of the peace for said county being a member of the court of pleas and quartersessions for said County which when siting is a court of record Belfield. Wood, _____ a resident citizen of Fentress_______ county aged Eighty years agreeable to his best information having no record of his age---
and after being duly sworn for that purpose upon his oath states that he entered the service of the united States in the revolutionary war in the State of North Carolina Burke County a volunteer private militia to serve three months Tour under Capt Reuben White and Col Charles McDowell. He marched off Some time in February 1776 the precise day not remembered, march,d to Sallisbury [sic, Salisbury] and Joined General Rutherfords army went on to cross creek, and finally march,d back to Sallsbury and was verbally discharged Some time in may having serv,d three months and in a few days thereafter he again volun teered against the Indians under said Capt Reuban White and Col McDowell and

And march,d as an indian Spy to Davidsons,s fort on the head to the head of the Catawba river he was stationd at said fort till July ensuing when a body of indians drove the Spies from said fort they then retreated to kathy,s fort [sic, Cathey's Fort] staid at Kathy,s fort one night and left there and was met by the indian,s at the Northfork of the Catawba river and had a b attle with the indian,s his said Capt White was kill,d in the battle he then march,d to the quaker meadow fort Station,d at said fort untill reinforc,d by General Rutherfords army then march,d up the Catawba river again to Davidsons fort [sic, Davidson's Fort]. From Davidsons fort he march,d as a spy through the cherokee nation march,d by the Wautaunga [sic, Watauga] Town of of the Tennessee river Burnt said town and thence to the Cowee Town,s Burnt them and march,d to Valley Towns on Tillico [sic, Tellico] and Burnt the same Took some prisoners at Big Telico. March,d back to Davidsons fort first having Joind General Williamssons [sic, Andrew Williamson] army at Big Tillico having then servd out his
Six months was verbally discharged. He thinks about the last day of November 1776 and he again volunteered and entered the Service in December 1776 under Captain William Davidson Col McDowell and went to Davidson's fort and guarded the same three months had no battle. He again verbally discharged at Said fort some time March 1777 and he again volunteered and entered the Service under Capt Lew Taylor Col McDowell Major McKisic and marched off met the Virginia Militia at Cherokee ford, on Broad river and on to Stono was in the battle the British army retreated from the battle ground and having served out three months he was again verbally discharged. He volunteered and entered the service as a horseman under Capt William Murry and Col Frank. Locked off some time in March 1780, rendezvoused and joined the army at Santee there to Monk's corner waited for the arrival of General Rutherford retreated from the defeat of the horse at monk's corner the morning after the surrender of Charleston went home recruited about eight days and marched back to join General Rutherford's army but was met by the Tories at Ramsour's mill was in that Skirmish and served out my Tour of three months was again verbally discharged near that place. He again volunteered and entered the Service to serve a three months Tour and entered the service toward the latter part of August 1781 under Capt Thomas Kenedy [sic, Kennedy] and Col Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and marched to Hillsborough and stationed there some time and having served out our said Tour he was again verbally discharged. Some time in the fall Season of the year, in 1781 having served one year and nine months as a private Soldier in militia in the war of the revolution having entered the service every time in Burk county where he first entered Service he was born in Orange county Virginia and was raised there and in Chesterfield County said State
and moved to Burke County where he
lived when he entered the service he
moved to Pendleton County, North Carolina
lived the 22 years he moved Madison
County, Kentucky, stayed there some
years, thence he moved to Wayne
County, Kentucky, stayed there about
ten years and there to Tennessee where
he now lives. The applicant has no docu-
mentary evidence of his service and knows
of no person by whom he can prove his
Service. He states that there is no clergy
man anywhere in his neighborhood
so that he cannot procure the evidence
of one applicant has no doubt but
he can prove his reputation as an aman-
and as a soldier of the revolution
of Truth by Samuel Smith, William
Doss, Ab Hatfield, and his neighbors
generally. He hereby relinquishes every
claim to a pension or annuity except the and declares his name is not
on the Pension roll of the agency of
any state. He is
sworn to and subscribed the year afsd
Robert Richardson

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