Pension Application of John Cantwell R1668

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee  |  On this 30th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Lewis Mitchell
Hawkins County  |  one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee duly commissioned by the Governor and qualified agreeable to law John Cantwell Seig’n. a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aged eighty eight or eighty nine years 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.

That he entered the service of The united states under the following named Officers and served as herein stated

I entered the service of the united States under Capt. Flud [Flood?] in Orangeburg district in the State of south carolina in the month of March 1775 and marched to ninetysix town [Ninety Six] in the same state to quell the tories that was rising in that neighbourhood – from ninetysix he states he returned home and Immediately joined the light horese as a volenteer under Capt. John Coatarear [sic: John Coulturier] and continued under him until the 1776 in June. I returned home. He states he was Imploied during his service as a lighthores in marching from place to place to keep down the tories in the state of South Carolina and he state he was under the command; when stationed by Colo Tompson [sic: William Thomson] and when the tories ware about to Imbody he would send companies to silence them in different parts of the country.

He states when he was discharged he lef the state of South carolina and moved In to the state of Virginia in Laudan [sic: Loudoun] County where he states he vollenteered himself in the service a gain under Capt. Simon Hancock whose Company was Commanded by Colo. Clapam [sic: Josias Clapham] and march to Nolens ferry [sic: Nolands Ferry] on Potomac River. He states His Colo then sent himself and George Mason His Lieutanant and Capt. Hancock into the contry for the purpose of pressing [i.e. impressing] clothing. He states he entered this tour of service in the state of Virginia Lawdan County in the year 1777 the first of October and returned in the first of the year 1778 in January. mooved then into Faquire [sic: Fauquier County] where he states he lived and was called in to service a gain as a vollenteer under Capt. Daniel Flowers and marched in the first of september 1781 in to the county of Stafford and there lay about three weeks he states as well as he can recollect can recollect waiting for Orders and during his stay there Cornwallis give up at York [19 Oct 1781] and he received orders to return home and never was out any more. makeing an aggregate of eighteen monts.

He states he continued to live in Faquire County State of Virginia untill the year 1790 when he removed to the state of South carolina in to Spartanburg [sic: Spartanburg] district and from thence he removed in to the state of Tennessee in Hawkins County where I now live. He states that he knows of no person whoes testimony he can procure who can testify of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pention or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention role of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed The day and year aforesaid  John hisXmark Canwell

Questions proposed to John Cantwell an applicant for a pention under the act of Congress pased 7th June 1832.
1  Where, and in what year ware you born
I was born in the state of Meriland in Baltimore County in what year I do not recollect
2  Have you any record of your age
I have not
where were you living when called into service?
I lived at different places and in Orangeburg District in South Carolina. Once in Virginia state, Louden County and also in Faquire County in said state.

How were you called into service?
I volunteered my service each and every time I went out.

State the names of some of the regular Officers who were in Command when you served. Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.
John Holland, John Green, Eli Green, Joel Green.

State of Tennessee } This day being the 7th of June 1833 Personally appeared John Cantwell before me
Hawkins County } Lewis Mitchell an acting Justice for said County and made Oath that he has no
documentary evidence of his service and he knows of no one that he can prove his service by but says he
served the first tour under Capt. Flud and Capt. Cotrain first under Capt Flud as a private and under
Capt. Cotrain as a horseman being gone six months next served under Capt. Hancock as well as I
recollect three months as a private and under Capt. Flowers three weeks in all nineteen months and three
weeks for which service I claim a pension.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written John his Xmark Cantwell
I certify in Consequence of great bodily Infimity John Cantwell the above applicant is unable to go before
a court or a Judge of a Court to make the foregoing declaration being intirely cripled by the rheumatick
pains given under my hand 7th June 1833 Lewis Mitchell JP

NOTES:
On 26 Nov 1833 John Cantwell alleged that Lewis Mitchell had refused to give him his pension
certificate unless Cantwell gave him a bond for $50. Cantwell stated that before drawing up his pension
application Mitchell had said he would charge nothing, then afterwards said he would charge $25, which
Cantwell agreed to. On this document Cantwell appears to have signed his full name.
On 29 Sep 1843 Jane Cantwell, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cantwell
on 10 Dec 1791, and he died 20 Sep 1836. The file contains a family record certified by William Barnett
Cantwell of Hawkins County as having been taken from his father’s family Bible, transcribed below. The
entries in brackets are missing from the original record but are in a copy in the file. The original record
was judged at the Pension Office to have been recorded too recently to serve as evidence of the date of
marriage, and the claim of Jane Cantwell was consequently rejected. On 2 Feb 1853 John Cantwell of
Hancock County TN assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension thought due to his deceased
mother, Jane Cantwell.

Names & ages as follows
John Cantwell was born June the 24th 1745
& was married to Jane Barnett December 10th 1791
Jane Cantwell was Born December 10th 1770
the Names & ages of their named children to wit namely
Edward Cantwell was Born the 2nd day of October 1792
[Thos. Cantwell was born 30th Sept 1794
Susannah Cantwell, born 11th Sept 1796
John Cantwell Jr born 29th Sept 1798
Patsy Cantwell, born 17th Nov’r 1800
Nancy Cantwell, born 23rd Oct 1802
Jane Cantwell Jr was born 25th November 1804
James Cantwell was Born the 1st Sept 1807
Wm Barnett Cantwell was born 25th December 1809
David Cantwell was [born 23rd day of January 1811]