

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Rowland Flowers, Rowland W12

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State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the 20th day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Robert H. Richardson a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Fentress State of Tennessee, Rowland Flowers a resident citizen of the county Fentress aforesaid aged upward of Seventy of age according to certain calculation though he has no record of his age and after being duly Sworn for that purpose in his oath makes the following Declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. He states that he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the Early part of the spring Season of the year 1781 the precise day of the time of Entering Said Service not now Recollected. he entered Said Service a drafted private Soldier To Serve a Tour of three months against the British he marched off under Captain Silas Watkins and Lieutenant Joel Watkins and went on into the Edge of North Carolina and To many places in Virginia and after going to many points and places was finally marched Back. and having served out said Tour he received a written discharge from his said captain.

He again in a few weeks thereafter entered the Service as a substitute for his Father, James Flowers, who had been drafted he entered the service under Captain Peter Gearen, and Lieutenant Berry his his first name not recollected and Major Bois he marched on to Various places and finally to little York [sic, Yorktown] was in the whole siege and after serving out his said Tour of three month he again had a written discharge from cap. Gearen he cannot State precisely the period of entering and quitting the Service from old age and lapse of time.

He kept his said discharges many years after the War until they became misplaced or in some way lost. he is not certain in what way. So that he has no written or documentary proof of his Service and knowing of no person by whom he can prove his Service that he Served with but he can prove by his younger brothers his entering into the Service, and return from the service and many other things of a correspondent nature. He can prove the traditionary proof of his Service by his whole Scope of his intimate acquaintance that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was at the Surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis]. there is no clergy man immediately convenient To him. He is Entirely unable from bodily infirmity to attend a court of record his inability To walk about is principally the reason why he applies for a pension he having been resolved to live on his own labor while able To labor. applicant was born in Buckingham county Virginia and Raised there and in Campbell County, said State Continued there until Twenty Two years ago and then moved to Overton County Tennessee but was Stricken off into Fentress County. Applicant will State some of his neighbors by whom he can prove his character being good for truth and The Tradition of his Service namely William Chilton James Beaty, Ambrose Bramlett, all Respectable men he hereby relinquishes Every claim To a pension or annuity Except the present and Declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Rowland Flowers, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert H Richardson, JP

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We James Brown & William Rogers Residing in the county of Fentress State of Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Rowland Flowers who had subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration that we believe him To be upward of Seventy years of age that he is reputed among his neighbors generally as having been a soldier of the Revolution. and particularly as having been at the Taking of Lord Cornwallis and we certify that applicant is a man of undoubted veracity and we can concur in the above.

S/ James Brown

S/ William Rogers, X his mark

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid his before me.

S/ Robert H Richardson JP