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Pension application of Joseph Eaton S31005

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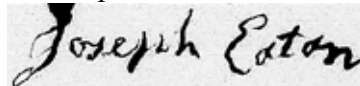
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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Woodford County

On this 5th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Woodford now sitting Joseph Eaton a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-seven years the 18th of this instant who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he served as a private in the Militia under the following named officers. That he was born and raised in the County of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania that after he arrived to man's estate he removed to Roane [sic, Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina after the commencement of the War of the Revolution and he believes in the year 1776 he volunteered for three months in the company commanded by Captain John Johnson, John Rutledge was the Ensign the name of the Lieutenant he cannot recollect his company was marched from home across the Catawba River to near the Blue mountains [Blue Ridge] where the troops rendezvoused and all the troops were commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] the Regiment he was in was commanded by Colonel Francis Locke Major Smith was also in command he was in the first Battalion but does not know the number of the Regiment the troops were marched across the Mountains into the Cherokee nation of Indians they marched to and destroyed several of their towns and destroyed their crops after which he was marched home and honorably discharged. After his return home he became a volunteer minute man during the War under the command of the same Captain Johnson under whom he had previously served that he was called out very often to serve against the Tories the number of times and the length of his services he cannot now state with precision, but at the close of the war he was honorably discharged by his officers and by them allowed for three months service during his service as a minute man he was often in pursuit of the Tories always near home never having marched out of the State except on the expedition against the Indians. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State or Territory. He has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of but one man now living by whom he could prove his services and he lives several hundred miles distant and the State of Illinois by the name Abram Wood¹ who served nearly all the time in the same company with himself.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Eaton



[Jacob Creath, a clergyman, and T W Sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 Sic, probably [Abraham Wood S32611](#) of Edgar County, Illinois who filed his own claim for a pension claiming service under Capt. Johnson and Col. Francis Locke in NC.

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