

Know all men by these presents, that I Molly Coffey
 the Widow & execut. of Benjamin Coffey, a Pensioner
 of the United States, do hereby constitute and appoint
 Lewis Mitchell my true & lawful Attorney, for
 me & in my name, to receive from the Agent of the
 United States for paying pensions in Lonesborough
 State of Tennessee the pension due & owing to my
 husband Benjamin Coffey from the time of
~~his death~~ ~~from the time of the 1st of March~~
 1831 to the 4th of January 1834 the time at which
 he died. Witness my hand & seal, this 4th day
 of March 1834

Lewis Mitchell
 in presence of } Molly Coffey
 Lewis Rice }

Know all men, that on the 4th day of
 March 1834, before the undersigned, a Justice of the
 Peace in & for said County, personally appeared Molly
 Coffey above named, and acknowledged the foregoing
 power of attorney to be the act & deed of the said
~~Molly Coffey~~ ~~above mentioned~~

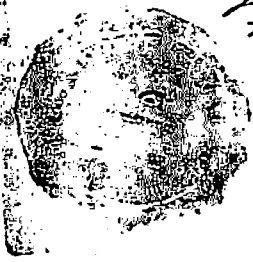
Lewis Rice (P)

Know all men, that on the 4th day
 of March 1834, before the undersigned, a Justice of the
 Peace in & for said County, personally appeared Lewis
 Mitchell the attorney, named in the foregoing power
 of attorney, and made oath that the same was not given
 him by reason of any sale, transfer or mortgage of
 the pension, or arrears of pension therein authorized
 to be received by him
 sworn & subscribed the day &
~~year last above mentioned~~ before me

Lewis Rice (P)
 Lonesborough Agency 3rd of April 1834

Received of William H. Blair Agent for pay pensions one hundred & thirteen dollars thirty three & a third cents being for thirty
 three months pension due to Molly C. Coffey

years, that they have lived in Tennessee near neigh-
bors to the said Coffey for twenty years and that
during all that time they knew them the said
Benjamin Coffey & Molly Coffey to live together
as husband & wife & that it has always been under-
stood in their neighborhood that they were such
& were lawfully married, and they further proved
that the said Benjamin Coffey departed this life on
the fourth day of January, 1834 and was buried
on the fifth of the same Month, they being present
when he was buried & assisted in burying him
And I further certify that the said Witnesses further
proved that the said Molly Coffey is the Widow &
relict of the said Benjamin Coffey & is now living
on the place in Hawkins County where her hus-
band died. And I further certify that they
further proved that they knew the afore said
Benjamin Coffey to be a Pensioner of the United
States. And do further certify that John Rice Esq.
whose name appears to the following power of Attorney
the affidavits, is now & was at the time of signing the
same, an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County
and that his signature appears to be in his own proper
hand writing. I further certify that the foregoing facts were
proved to the satisfaction of the Court
Given under my hand and seal of Office
at Rogersville the 10th day of March
1834



W. H. H. (C) C. H.
By W. H. H. (C) C. H.

From: "Shirley Dawson" <bd.sd@townsq.com>
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Benjamin Coffey to be a Pensioner of the United

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and that his signature appears to be in his own proper
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J. D. White (C) Clerk
By W. D. White (C) Clerk

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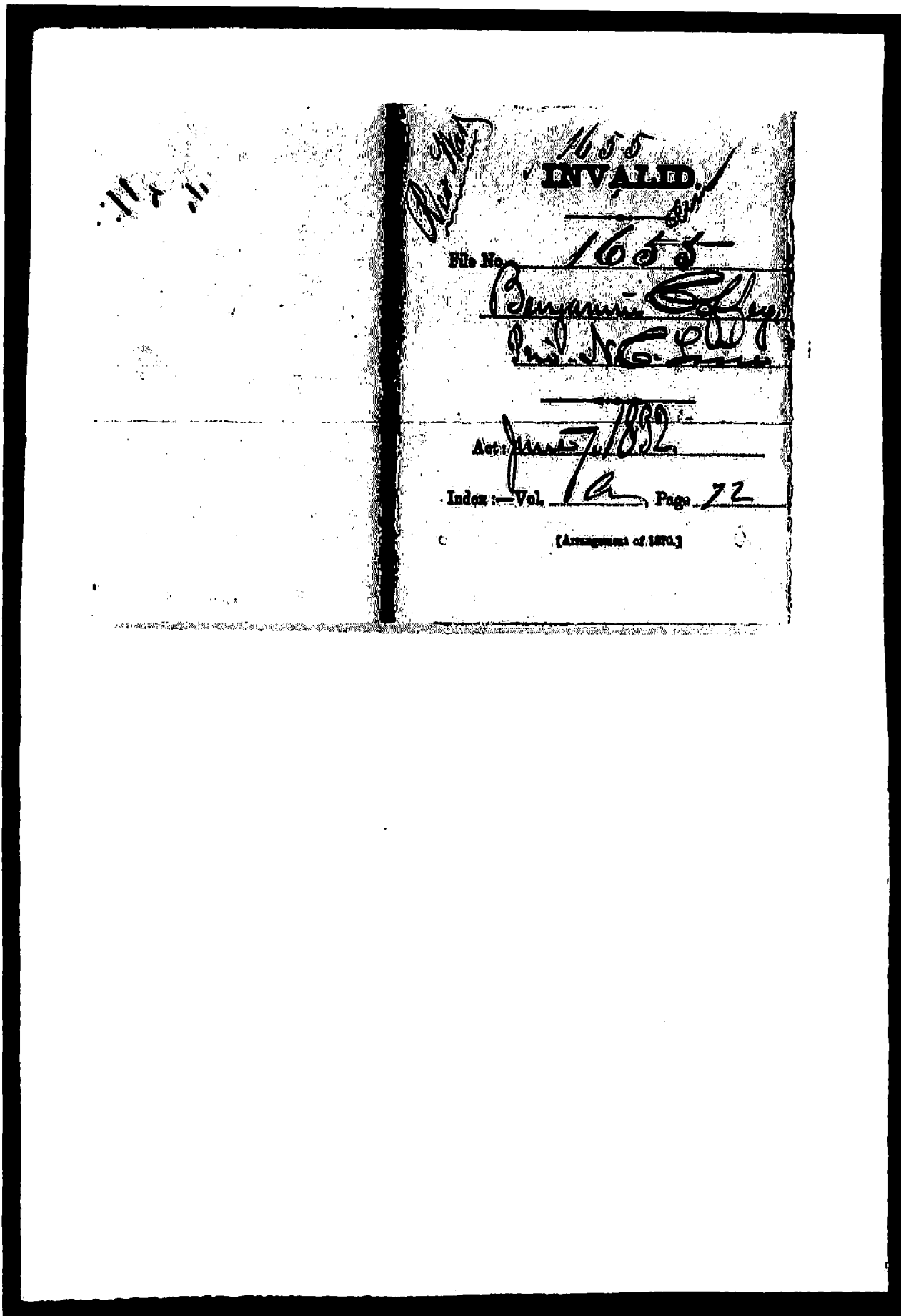
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State of Tennessee } Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions
Hawkins County } February Session 1834

I Shackley D. Mitchell Clerk of the Court of Pleas &c. for Hawkins County, do hereby certify, that on the twenty fifth day of February 1834 appeared in open Court Hanson Hays & Charles Wolf who were then & there duly sworn according to Law & upon their oath did prove that they were well acquainted with ~~the said Benjamin Coffey~~ Benjamin Coffey & his wife Molly Coffey and have been for upwards of twenty five years, that they have lived in Tennessee near neighbors to the said Coffey for twenty years and that during all that time they knew them the said Benjamin Coffey & Molly Coffey to live together as husband & wife & that it has always been understood in their neighborhood that they were such & were lawfully married, and they further prove that the said Benjamin Coffey & Molly Coffey lived together as husband & wife.

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relict of the said Benjamin Coffey & is now living
on the place in Hawkins County where her hus-
band died. And I further certify that they
further proved that they knew the afore said
Benjamin Coffey to be a Pensioner of the United
States. And do further certify that Lee Reed Esq
whose name appears to the following power of attorney
to affidavits, is now & was at the time of signing the
same, an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County
and that his signature appears to be in his own proper
hand writing. I further certify that the foregoing facts were
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1786.
 Christopher Gadsden
 of the State of South Carolina
 who was a private in the 103rd commanded
 by Captain Mifflin of the 103rd commanded
 by Genl Mifflin in the Revolution
 for 1 year

Prescribed on the Roll of 1786
 at the rate of 10 Dollars 00 Cents per annum
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Participated of Pension from the 30 day of Sept 1831
 1832 and 1833
 Will. Hill, Treasurer

Amount to the 1st of Sept 1831 100.00
 Payment, allowance ending 1st March 1832 20.00
 \$ 80.00

Revolutionary Claim,
 Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by *Wm. Hill* Clerk
 Book 6 Vol. 8 Page 123

Declaration in Order to Obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed - June 30th 1832
 State of Tennessee, On this 25th day of May 1833
 Hawkins County: personally appeared before me
 Lewis M. Hatcher one of the acting Justices of the peace
 for the County of Hawkins, State of Tennessee
 duly commissioned by the governor and qualified
 according to law Benjamin Coffey a resident of the County
 of Hawkins and State of Tennessee a just and lawful
 citizen who being first duly sworn according to law with
 on his oath make the following declaration
 I declare that I served in the United States ^{Army} in the
 State of North Carolina in the year of 1776 under the command
 of Capt. Thomas Whitson as the first of rifles the commanding
 being Col. Daniel Donel I marched to the frontier of said
 County in said State of North Carolina against the Cherokee
 Indians that were making incursions and destroying the
 settlements of said State we fell a great number of said
 County called by the name of Crider for a longer week
 while I lay here I was employed in watching the
 Indians to keep the Indians in the awe until the
 month of September in the same year I was discharged and
 returned home. I volunteered my services I received from said
 County in North Carolina in said State in what date
 do not now recollect and resided in said North Carolina
 until the first of March in 1780 I then entered the service a
 gain as a volunteer under the command of Col. John
 Barlow the regiment being commanded by Col. Benjamin
 Cleveland. I was various times employed in marching to
 different places where it was understood being near the Indian
 settlements in North Carolina used as a volunteer in
 said County until I received orders to march to the
 mountains against the said Indians and British called the
 since the command of Major Ferguson we march

As through Lincoln County in said State of North Carolina
 under the command of Col. Benjamin Hearn and Col.
 Benjamin Cleveland militia we were joined by the forces
 of Col. Campbell Col. Shelby Col. Sevier and Col. Williams
 there was an action took place on 21st and 22nd of August
 and my said departed I was not in the battle in consequence
 of losing my horse the night before and having to join the
 militia under Col. Benjamin Hearn and the fight did
 not come up until the battle was over and the American
 side Col. Williams was killed I was then sent on to guard
 the prisoners to Morrow town in North Carolina during
 which march I was attacked with a pain in my ankle
 and was prevented from the first of November in the
 same year I did not and I never forgot my sword
 my term of service making an aggregate of two months
 and a half of my service further than I can prove
 by the record kept who lived in the State and who
 now live, near and in the State of Tennessee, Hawkins County
 of my entering the service and my being good and
 was not withdrawn when of said State with me
 thereby relinquish every claim that ever or ever I had
 in and declared that my name is not on the list
 roll of the agency of any slaves

I am
 Louis Wilkes
 whom I am subscribed by
 and today and date before
 mentioned
 Benjamin Coffey
 master

State of Tennessee, This day being the 23rd day of May 1833
 Hawkins County Come George Hays before me
 Lewis Mitchell one of the acting Justices of the peace for
 said County and made oath that Benjamin Coffey
 the applicant in the preceding declaration did enter the
 service of the united States in the year 1812 in his
 military and from all circumstances I do believe that I
 believe he served the time faithfully he states in his
 declaration sworn to and subscribed before me this day
 and does stand witness

Lewis Mitchell

George Hays
Justice

State of Tennessee

Hawkins County We Thomas Crawley a citizen and
 residing in the County and State aforesaid and William
 Giddens a resident in the same County and State do hereby
 certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Coffey
 the applicant in the foregoing declaration that he is a
 tall right six feet high and that he is a man of
 the neighborhood where he now lives to have been a
 revolutionary soldier and we concur in that opinion
 sworn to and subscribed before me

Thos

May 25th day of May 1833

Lewis Mitchell

Thomas Crawley

William Giddens

And I Lewis Mitchell one of the Justices of the peace
 for the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee before whom
 the above proceedings were had do hereby declare my opinion
 after a investigation of the matter and after finding
 the Antagonism presented by the war department
 that the above named applicant was a revolutionary
 soldier and served as above stated and further

Certify that it appears to me that Thomas Combs
 who signed the preceding certificate is a citizen and
 resident in the County of Hawkins and William
 Gibson who has also signed the said is a resident in
 the said County of Hawkins and is a creditable
 person and that this statement is attested to be true
 25th May 1833

Levin Mitchell

State of Tennessee
 Hawkins County
 Personally appeared Benjamin Coffey
 before me Levin Mitchell one of the acting Justices for
 said County and made oath that in consequence of
 great bodily infirmity he is unable to go before the Court
 or Judge of said Court to make the following declaration
 of said oaths
 I do hereby swear to and subscribed before
 me this 25th May 1833
Levin Mitchell Benjamin Coffey
 (mark)

~~State of Tennessee
 Hawkins County
 I, William Mitchell one of the Justices of the Court of
 said County do hereby certify that the foregoing containing
 the original proceedings had before Levin Mitchell one
 of the acting Justices of the peace for said County in the
 matter of the application of Benjamin Coffey for a
 position and do further certify that Levin Mitchell
 before whom the foregoing proceedings were had is one of
 the acting Justices of the peace for the County
 of Hawkins of said State and that I have
 known him to be true and seal
 of Office in Presence~~

Question proposed to Benjamin Coffey - an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June the 9th 1832

1st When and in what year were you born -

I was born in Wooten County in Virginia in 1747

2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it
I have it with me

3rd Where were you living when you were called in to service
Once in Dick County in the State of North Carolina
and once in Wilk County in said State from
which I removed to the State of Tennessee
County which I now live in

4th How were you called in to service

I volunteered

5th State the names of some of your Officers who were
with the troops when you served such Continental
and Militia regiments as you can recollect and
the general circumstances of your service

Colo Campbell Colo Swear Colo Shelby Colo

Colo Cleveland Colo Williams

7th State the names of Persons to whom you are

known in your present neighborhood and
who can testify as to your character for veracity
and kind belief of your service as a soldier
of the revolution or

William Walker, George Wolf, Thomas E. Spence,
Benjamin Hay, John Miller

We the undersigned do certify that Benjamin Coffey is
 is a neighbor of ours we have been acquainted
 with him some years we certify he is a man of veracity
 we suppose him to be the 7th he states and believes
 him to have been a revolutionary soldier
 given under our hand 25th May 1833

Samuel Coffey	William Walker
Samson Hayes	Henry Rice
William Hines	George Wolfe
	John Mully
	Thomas Eppiman

State of Tennessee This day being the 7th June 1833
 I being a Justice of the Peace for the County of
 Hamilton personally appeared Benjamin
 Coffey of said County before me and he being
 duly sworn he said and made oath that he has no
 documentary evidence of his service and cannot produce
 any living witness to testify of his service But to the best
 of his recollection he served under Capt Thomas Whitson
 as a private five months he and under Capt John Barton
 seven months as a private and for such service claims a pension
 even to this day and date above

Benjamin Coffey
 his mark

Attest
 Lewis Mitchell

I certify that the claimant is here named from his ability
 is unable to go before a court or body of a court to make his declaration
 has a lame leg and cannot possibly get a boat without assistance
 he is a member of the Baptist Church and he is, would and
 believe that he has not been to church in four or five years
 given under my hand and seal 7th June 1833

Lewis Mitchell

State of Tennessee
 Hawkins County
 I Shelby C. Mitchell Clerk of
 the Court of Pleas and Quarter
 Sessions of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee do
 hereby certify that Lewis Mitchell whose name
 appears to the foregoing Certificate is now and was
 at the time the same bears date an acting Jus-
 tice of the Peace of said County duly commissioned
 and qualified and that the signature annexed
 is his genuine signature



The testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and
 seal of office this 31st July 1833
 L. Mitchell
 C. Mitchell

26.608

Benjamin Coffey
Hancock Co
Tennessee
from 1776 private
1000
#40.

Lewis Mitchell
Rogersville
Tennessee

**WAR DEPARTMENT,
Pension Office.**

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjained notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margins with a cross, (thus, ✕). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of Benjamin Coffey

Periods when the service was rendered.	Description of the duties performed.			Notes and rank of the Party at same time when so noted.	Amount received, or share of prize which has entered the rolls.	Period by which the decision is required.
	Year.	Month.	Day.			
1776		5	42	Capt. William Col. Mudge's	86 11.00	Traditionary and 10000.
1780	Under arms in and proceeding to the west			Capt. Norton Col. Cleaveland		
of all 12 months.						

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:
This law has been enacted to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and in its scope under the terms "Continental Army," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons - soldiers, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks in Commissaries and to Store keepers, &c., Icutestras, Gunmen, &c. Persons who served on board of private armed vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

- 1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval Service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is constituted a Court of Record.

DECLARATION,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.
County of }

On this day of personally appeared (a) before
A. B. a resident (b) of in the county of and State, Territory or District
of aged (c) years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, with 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d) with and
served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

(Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served
under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period and rank and name of his officers;) the
town or county and State in which he was recruited when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged,
and the country through which he marched. This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons
who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.)

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he
declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) duly on that of
the Agency in the State of
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. B.

(And then will follow the certificate of the Court.)

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolu-
tionary soldier, and served as he states.

I do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of
the application of
of the Court of
for a pension.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this
day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper records, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be
found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in their (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia,
except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and
subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the and C. D. residing in (the same)
hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be
years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier
of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(And then will follow the certificate of the Court.)

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after
patting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolu-
tionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B.
who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman, resident in this
and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the
and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of
for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or con-
dition; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if
possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the ser-
vices of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light
upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (l) and he will
also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful
to the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

