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Pension Office.

Sir.

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers age herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjected 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. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by compling with this request greatly facilitate the investigation of your

## A Statement, showing the Service of

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JAMES L. EDWARDS.

Commissioner of Pensions.

## REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

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and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "wolunteers," all

persons enlisted, 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 to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c., Teamsters, Boatmen, &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 and caronical from one benefits in the law, as wen as persons who terried out as patients, or were a 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:

The Regular Troops.
 The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
 Persons employed in the Naval Service.

3. Persons explored in the Association of the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, nucleians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of instance, and the court of the court Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered 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 3 ss.

is day of personally appeared (a) before

A. B. a resident (b) of in the county of On this and State, Territory or District A. B. a resident (9) of in the county of and State, Territory or District aged (c) 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1889. 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 serviced under most than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers) the "own of source, and fasts in which he resided when he entered the service; (the blattle, if any, in which he resided when he entered the service; the blattle, if any, in which he resided when he entered the service; the blattle, if any, in which he has negaged, and the country through which he marched. (C) This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the milities, volunteers, many, &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) only on that of the Agency in the State of

Sworn to 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 (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

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If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be

If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (f) 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 which will be an expected and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be yearn 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 days 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 putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. lutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. lutionary Soluter, and served as ne states. And the Court further certine who has signed the preceding certificate is a dergyman, resident in the 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.

do hereby certify that the foregoing Clerk of the Court of 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

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commis-sion but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so tate under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the serpossure, the resument or at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light nose the sensested.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (1) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person will be indispensable to a favorable action upon his case. The facts stated will afford one of the principal will be indispensable to a lavorable action upon his case. The latest stated will anoro use of the principal means of corroborating the declaration of the applicant, if true, or of detecting the imposition, if one be attempted; and unless, therefore, these are amply and clearly set forth, no favorable decision can be expected. All applicants will appear before some Court of Record in the County in which they reside, and there subscribe and be swort to, one of the declarations above provided, according to the nature of his

The Court will propound the following (m) interrogatories to all applicants for a pension, on account of service in the Militia, State troops, or Volunteers, except the Militia of New Hampshire and the State troops of Virginia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such

Continental and Militia Regimenes as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services. To a Soldier. Sold you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what To an Officer. has become of it?

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can tes-

tify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The Court will see that the answers to these questions are embodied in the declaration, and they are

requested to annex their opinions of the truth of the statement of the applicant.

The applicant will further produce in Court, if the same can be done, in the opinion of the Court, without too much expense and inconvenience to him, two respectable persons—one of whom should be without too much expense and inconvenience to min, two respectable persons—one of winds should be the nearest clergyman, if one lives in the immediate vicinity of such applicant, who can testify, from their acquaintance with him, that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier, and that they concur in that opinior. If one of these persons is a Clergyman, the Court will so certify, and they will also certify to the character

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The traditionary evidence of service is deemed very important, in the absence of any direct proof, except the declaration of the party. And the Courts are requested to be very particular in the inquiry whether the belief is general, and whether any doubts have ever existed upon the subject.

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Applicants unable to appear in Court, by reason of bodily infirmity, may make the declaration before required, and submit to the examination, before a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record of the proper county, and the Judge or Justice will execute the duties, which the Court is herein requested to perform, and will also certify that the applicant cannot, from bodily infirmity, attend the Court.

Whenever any official act is required to be done by a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or by a Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Secretary of State or Territory, or of the proper Clerk of the Court or County, under his seal of office, will be annexed, stating that such person is a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or a Justice of the Peace, and that the signature annexed is his centure signature. his genuine signature.

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No payments can be made on account of the serfices of any person, who may have died before
the taking effect of the act of June 7, 1832; and in case of death subsequent thereto, and before the declaration herein required is made, the parties interested will transmit such evidence as they can prouccuration nerun required is mane, me parues increased with transmit such evidence as they can pro-cure, taken and authenticated before a Court of Record, showing the services of the deceased, the prior of his death, the opinion of the neighborhood respecting such services, the title of the claimant, and the oninion of the Court upon the whole matter.

(a) The declarant must appear in open Court, saless prevented from delay to by reason of bodily infamity; in which case the declarant will follow the rule inid down for his guidance.

(b) The declarant must make his declaration in the county where he resides. If he should fail to do so, he must assign a sufficient reason for not continued to the county of the coun

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Proof of Service.

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Mr. Donald V. Ones Phi Signa Kappa House State College, Pennsylvania, BA-J/TEL Mathine Rite

Dear Sire

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Mathias Rits of York County, Pennsylvania, a pensioner.

The data given herein were found in pension claim, S. 22468. based upon service of Mathias Rits in that war.

Mathias Rits was born in the year 1787, in Lancaster County, (probably Pennsylvania); the names of his parents were not given

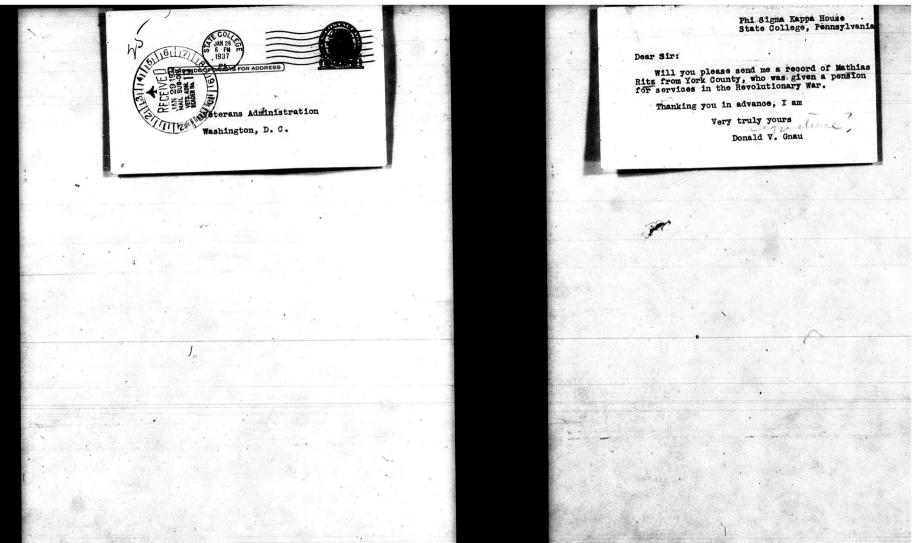
while a resident of York County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted and served six months as private in the Pennsylvania, se enlissed as follows from about June 1, 1761, two months in Captain Ford's company under Major Bailey, guarding prisoners at a demp in Fork County; and from sometime in September 1761, four months in Captain Pennington; company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 31, 1833, at which time he resided in Tork County, Pennsylvanias he had resided in that county ever since the Revolutionary War. The soldier made no reference to wife or children.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name of person paid, and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to the Comptreller General, Comeral Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following: Mathias Riv, Certificate #23470, issued Rovember 26, 1833, rate #30 per manner, commonced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, Pennsylvania Agency.

Very truly yours.

A. D. HILLER. Resetive Assistant to the Administrator.



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