

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Rutledge VAS101

VSL3VA [sic NC]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

300 acres

This day personally appeared before me George Craft a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Joseph Rutledge of said County aged eighty-one years, who from advanced age and bodily infirmity is unable to travel to the Courthouse of the County, and made oath to the following effect –

That he the said Joseph Rutledge served two tours as a private Soldier in the State of North Carolina, volunteered out of the County of Surray [Surry] in said State, where he then resided, the tours were nine months each, and received his discharges, both of which have been lost or mislaid by him or accident, his services were devoted to his Country in her revolutionary war against Great Britain in the year 1778 & 1780 in the said State of North Carolina and then & there enlisted for during the war & did serve out his time, that from his advanced age, he is unable to support himself by his own labor – that he served under Captains Henry Spears & William T. Hughlett¹ alternately during his services & Colonels Joseph Williams & John Armstrong.

That he was in the battle of General Gates defeat [August 15-16 1780] and other small skirmishes not distinctly recollected. That he enlisted in November 1780 – The said Joseph Rutledge further this states that Benjamin Spear now of Overton County State of Tennessee aged about 78 or 80 served one Tour with him the said Rutledge in State of North Carolina in the revolutionary war against Great Britain and he believes served under the same Officers that commanded him the said Rutledge – and the said George Craft do declare & certify that the said Rutledge is unable to attend at the Courthouse of said County –

Given under my hand this 11th day of September 1830

S/ George Craft, JP

¹ Possibly the same man as [William Thrift Hughlett W4996](#) whose descendants claimed that he, Hughlett was a Captain from Surry County NC and was at the Battle of Camden or Gates Defeat