

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Runion VAS1807

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To the honorable the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Isaac Runion of the County of Tazewell hereby represents that he served as a Soldier in the Militia on several occasions during the Revolutionary War for which he has received but one dollar. By a recital of the occasions and periods of his service your honorable body will at once perceive upon what grounds he now asks the aid of that country whose Independence his services contributed to establish. The Military services before alluded to commenced in the State of New Jersey where he served two months in Capt. Bruce's Regiment of Militia. Your Petitioner then served one month on the Frontiers of Virginia under Capt. Edwards of the Virginia Militia, he next served a tour to North Carolina in Col. William Campbell's Regiment of Virginia militia and lastly he served a second Tour in North Carolina under Capt. Edwards in Col. Walter Crockett's Regiment of Virginia Militia. The precise period of service rendered in Carolina your Petitioner cannot now recollect having been so unfortunate as to have all his papers and documents to substantiate the facts herein stated consumed by fire. Your Petitioner has heretofore declined any application to the Justice of his country for a remuneration of his services but inasmuch as his age now exceeds four score years, the bodily infirmities attendant on that advanced age, added to the entire loss of his eye sight have reduced him to abject poverty. Your Petitioner therefore throws himself upon the justice, the Honor, the Patriotism, the liberality and the sympathy of his Country, and humbly petitions to be placed on the Pension List, or relieved in such other way as may seem just and proper And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Isaac Runion [not his actual signature]

Tazewell County to wit,

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Tazewell, Isaac Runion, who made oath that the statement made in the foregoing Petition, our fax. October 28th 1819

S/ William Taylor

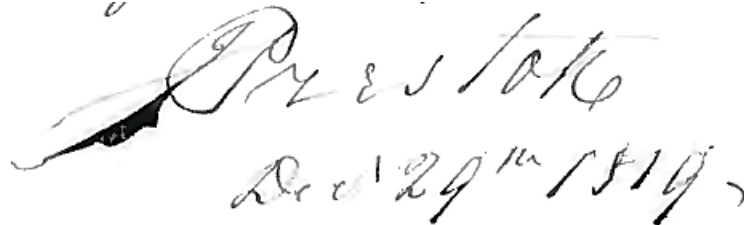
This day appeared before me William Taylor, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Tazewell, Andrew Runion who made oath that he knew that the said Isaac Runion marched on the Tour of Militia duty mentioned in the foregoing Petition.

October 28, 1819

Isaac Runion's Petition
December 8th 1819
referred to Claims
Reasonable December 15th
Reported December 17th
Bill drawn December 20th

In the year 1780 I first knew Mr. Isaac Runion who then resided in that part of Montgomery County now Wythe on or near Pine run; and recollect to have seen him with the Militia in service in North Carolina in Capt. Frederick Edwards' Company a short time before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], but how long he served therein, or what other tours of Militia duty he performed, I cannot say. There were two men of that name at that time I think in service, the Father and the Son, but my memory does not serve me sufficiently to say distinctly that this was the case. I was then very young though well acquainted with Capt. Edwards and most of his company, who performed that tour of duty in North Carolina in February & March 1781 – I think about 14 or 15 years ago Isaac Runion removed from Wythe to Tazewell County; I have not seen him since.

S/ J. Preston [?]
December 29th 1819

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Preston" with a flourish at the end. Below the signature, the date "Dec 29th 1819" is written in a similar cursive hand.

I Certify I am well acquainted with Isaac Runion who petitions for a Pension, that he is eighty-one years old as I have understood, that he has been blind nine years and is in great indigence and poverty. I also know he has a son to support who is a Cripple and I understand has been always so, that he appears to be about fifty years old – he has also a very aged wife unable to offer any assistance. I further certify that I have heard that the said Runion performed military service in the Revolutionary War.

He is considered a man of much truth and credit is given to his assertions by those acquainted with him.

S/ John B George
December 30th, 1819