

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Hezekiah Summers R10304 Ruth Summers MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia }
Monongalia County } To Wit

On this 25th day of March 1834 personally appeared Hezekiah Summers a resident of the County and State aforesaid in his 84th year of age who being duly sworn according to Law before me Anthony Smith an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of monongalia in the State of Virginia and doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he was drafted the 17th day of August 1776 in the County of Montgomery in the State of maryland and placed under Capt William Baley the Regement was Commanded by Col William Deacons [possibly William Deakins] and Commanded by Genreal James Smallwood was marched to the White plains [NY] Joyned Gen Washington where we had an ingagement with the enemy [28 Oct 1776] from thence was marched in to new Jersey their was marched and Counter march and from thence he was marched in to pennsylvania and was Discharged in witing on the 19th day of October 1776 [sic] at pilidepia witch Discharg he has long sence lost and that on the 4th day of September 1777 he Volunteered under Capt George Beall as a Spy or what was called a lookout to gard the potomack river [sic: Potomac River] and served as sutch till 18th day of october 1778 that on the 13th day of march 1779 he Volunteerd under Capt Christopher Kiser [possibly Christopher Keiser] was employed in spying and watching the Potomack River to pervent the enemy from landing till the 25th day of June 1780 that on the 9th day may 1781 he Volunteerd under Capt John Moaredock [possibly John Murdock] and was employed in watiching the movements of the enemy till the serender of Lord Cornwallis 19th day of october 1781 when he was marched to Nols Ferre [sic: Nolands Ferry on Potomac River] to Receive the prisnors and helpt gard them to the Barracks at Fredricktown [sic: Frederick] in maryland and was employed in that servis as a gard till the 10th day of Apriel 1782 that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that he was not employed in any Civil pursut during the bove tours He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State That He was born on the 23^d day of September 1750 has a record of his age made by his Father that he was born in Prince George County in the State of maryland witch record he beleaves to be true that he was living in Montgomery County and state of maryland when he was Drafted and that when Discharged returned home to Montgomery County that he known Gen Washington Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] Gen morgan [Daniel Morgan] and seen allmost all of the officers during the Revolution War that he removed to monongalia County in the state of Virginia 24 years ago and has resided there everence Hezekiah Summers
[Certified by Rev. A. Shackelford and Robert Henderson]

State of Virginia }
monongalia County } To Wit

on this 18th day of June 1834 personally appeard before me Hezekiah Summers a resident of the County and state aforesaid in his 84th year of age Who being duly sworn according to Law before me Jacob J. Wagner an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of monongalia in the State of Virginia and doth on his oath make the following mended [amended] Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he was Drafted the 17th day of August 1776 in the County of montgomery in the State of maryland and placed under Capt William Baley and served a tour of two month and two days and that in 1777 he served a tour of one month and fourteen days under Capt George Beall and that in 1779 he served a tour of more then eleven month as a Volunteer in

the minit servies in garding and Spying a long the potomack river to pervent the enemy from landing that his calls into said service were so frequent that it is impossible for him now to recollect the several periods at which they were made or the presise lenth of time but he is Confident that he was not less then Nine months in acttel Services under Capt or lieut Christopher Kiser and that in 1781 he Volunteerd under Capt or Colo John moredock and was imployed as a minit man watching the movement of the enemy as stated a bove and was not less then three month in act[ive] Services and that it, may be that he is mistakin as to the length of time he helpt gard the presinors at Fredrick Town in maryland but knows he was under Capt or Colonel John Moredock and that he is Confident that there Company did not leave Fredrick Town till 9th or 10th of Apriel 1782 and was not Dicharged till a bout that time He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 of territory. personally appeard before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace Hezekiah Summers who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less then the periods mentioned a bove and that in all of his tours he served as a private Soldier
[signed] Hezekiah Summers

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginai. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On Summers's report Singleton wrote "Not Entitled," because Summers told Singleton he served less than five months, which was less than the six-months minimum for a pension.]

Hezekiah Summers. Applicant.

I the undersigned Hezekiah Summers, At the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following narative of my age & Revolutionary Services to Wit – I was born in the year 1750.

Some time during the war of the Revolution I cant tell in what year I volunteered in Maryland under Capt George Bell and was with him on the potomac shore 3 weeks. there were three Batallions on this expedition under Col. Murdock – the whole were discharged after being in service the three weeks only –

Some time after this I can tell how long nor in what year, I was drafted and marched from Montgomery County under Capt. William Baley, to Baltimore, then to New Jersey ("but dont remember the place") I was in this expedition for three months. Genl. Smallwood commanded –

after the last mentioned tour I was one month at Fredericktown guarding the Prissoners – and thus ended my services. Mr. Copilan [sic: Jacob Coplin] wrote my Declaration I told him the same I now tell I agreed to give him $\frac{2}{3}$ the amount drawn. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Nov. 14 1834
Hezekiah Summers

Witness/ W. G Singleton

A Copy

W. G Singleton/ Nov. 30 1834

NOTES:

On 10 May 1855 Ruth Summers of Marion County VA applied for bounty land, a service of at least 14 days by her husband being all that was required. She stated that as Ruth Dawson she was married to Hezekiah Summers in Monongalia County by Rev. Thomas Pannell on 13 April 1831, and her husband died in Monongalia County about 7 June 1836.

A letter dated 3 March 1853 inquires whether a pension may be available to Margaret Summers, the only living child of Hezekiah Summers.