

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Rasor R8900
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State of Indiana Spencer County: SS: On this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord 1843 before the Subscriber Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County personally appeared Frances Rasor a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 and entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Peter Rosor [sic] who was a private in the militia in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution. That her said husband said Peter performed several tours of duty in the Militia of the State of Virginia – that he performed one tour of duty of two months under Captain Clork [sic, Clark?] and another tour of two months in the same year to wit the year 1781 both of these tours were in Battalion commanded by Major Groves [perhaps Major John Graves of the Culpeper County militia] of Culpeper County Virginia where said Peter lived when drafted into the Service of the United States. That her said husband performed several other tours of military duty in the militia of Virginia the precise length of which she cannot state subsequent and previous as she believes to the two tours above named. That she believes he was a portion of the time under Colonel Barber [Barbour?] of Culpeper County Virginia that her said husband was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That her said husband served about twenty-four months in the militia of Virginia as she verily believes. She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Rasor on the __ day of October 17___. That she cannot recollect the year in which she was married but knows very well that it was before the year 1794 – that her husband the aforesaid Peter Rosor died on the 4th day of November in the year 1831 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 viz. at that time above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before made the 18th day of March 1843

S/ Thomas Everton, Judge

S/ Francis [sic] Rasor, X her mark

[f p. 3: On March 18, 1843 in Spencer County Indiana, Simeon Rasor gave testimony that Peter Rasor died November 4, 1831 leaving Frances Rasor his widow who has remained unmarried ever since the death of Peter; that attached is a family record in the handwriting of Christian Rasor; that said record has been in the possession of Peter and Frances Rasor for it at least the last 40 years.

Family Record:

"Peter Rasor was Borne 1st day of October 1758

my Son Semeon Born the 1 day of Saptamber 1787

my daughter Elezabath Born the 10 day of abrel 1788"

Signe on Rasor
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South Carolina Abbeville District: December the 28th 1842

Dear Sir I received yours of the 3rd of this Instant respecting my knowledge of my brother Peter Rasor's Services in the Revolutionary war – none knowledge is that he served 2 tours in the year 1781 2 months each. I believe he was dismissed on account of his being sick before Wallace was taken prisoner the last tour he was under Captain Clark of Culpeper Virginia and was attached to Major Graves Battalion, he was a private militia Soldier drafted each time for 2 months as to the 1st tour I was not with him but I feel confident he did serve that tour.

S/ Christian Rasor¹

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[The above letter was attested and sworn to before a Magistrate.]

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