

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Paul Razor (Rarzor) R8626

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

On this 17th day of January 1834 personally appeared before me John Allen a Justice of the peace in and for the Shelby County and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County Paul Razor aged 83 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 –

He states he was living in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia when he entered the Service of the United States and served as herein stated, in the month of April 1777 that he volunteered under Captain William Witcher for a tour of six months he states that the company thus volunteered rendezvoused at Pittsylvania old Courthouse under the command of Captain William Witcher Major Dollarson [John Dollison or John Donaldson], and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], he states that they marched from said place of rendezvous under the above named officers to Long Island on the Holston River where the Army under the command of Colonel Shelby was stationed during the time that the Army was thus stationed. He states that they were employed in reconnoitering the country spying and pursuing the Indians with the view of driving them more westerly and rendering the frontier settlements more secure of some attacks from the Indians he states that he did remain at said Fort on the Holston River till his said six months expired when he was discharged by said Captain William Witcher in the month of September 1777. He further states that in the month of June 1781 – that he was returning from Maryland to Pittsylvania County with a load of Mill Iron, and at Penn's Onerry [Penn's Ordinary or tavern] in Amherst County, he was pressed to go into the service with his team – he states that his load of Mill Iron he had to deposit at the house of Penn in said County of Amherst – he states that his team was then loaded under the Command of the press master with provisions for the Army he states that after receiving his load he was ordered to drive the team to [the] Army near Williamsburg. He states that he did in haste drive to the Army which he met in the road a few miles above Williamsburg the Army here he states was commanded by General Lafayette and General Wayne retreating from the British he states that he then was attached to the Army and was employed in hauling baggage and doing what was necessary for a wagon to do. He states that they marched from the place where he joined the Army up to Petersburg thence to Richmond thence up into the Country into Spotsylvania County, thence they marched down to Fredericksburg thence with the Army to a camp 18 miles below Richmond where he was discharged by order of General Wayne in the month of September 1781 – having served about 5 months in the service of the United States with his wagon and team. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

S/ Paul Razzor, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Allen

Interrogatories put by the Magistrate

Ques – Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Easttown State of Pennsylvania in the year 1750 (Ques) Have you any record of your age? Ans. I have had but it is now lost

Ques. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia till the year of 1790 I then moved to Fayette County Kentucky where I lived 5 years I then moved to Shelby County Kentucky where I now live.

Ques. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Ans. My 1st tour was a volunteer tour my 2nd tour I was pressed into the service with my wagon and team.

Ques. State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect –

Ans. On my 1st tour there was no regular officer the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Shelby on my 2nd tour there General Washington General Wayne and General Lafayette of the regular officers –

Ques. State the names of some of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. I will name Mr. Zachaus Carpenter a clergyman and John Frazier.

[written in the side margin vertically: Ques. Did you ever receive a discharge and by whom was it signed and made of

Ans. I did receive to discharges one from Colonel Shelby and one by the wagon master whose name I have forgotten – these discharges I have lost.

He states that from old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to appear in open Court to make the declaration.

[Zachaus Carpenter, a clergyman, and John Frazier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 9: On July 10, 1838 in Shelby County Kentucky, Mary C. Razor, 84, widow of Paul Razor made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she married him September 12, 1777; that her husband died of fever May 17, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 9-10: Catherine Wright gave testimony on July 10, 1838 in Shelby County Kentucky that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that she was present at their marriage on September 12, 1777. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 12: Note in the file states the reason for rejecting the widow's application as "Married after service." That would indicate that the War Department Pension office was not giving the veteran

any credit for his wagon service and that since the 1836 only applied to widow's who married veterans before or during their time of service, she did not qualify under the 1836 Act.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]