

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Rector R8637

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State of Indiana Miami County: SS

On this 14th day of May A.D. 1850 personally appeared in open Court in the Probate Court of Miami County in said State now sitting Charles Rector a resident of said County of Miami and State of Indiana aged eighty-nine years 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted into the Service of the United States by Captain Tapley whose Christian name he does not now recollect but who resided at the junction between the North and South branches of the Potomac River in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia in which County and near which place he was drafted in the spring of the year 1781 as near as he can recollect, and therefore entered into the Service of the United States as a private, and was within the space of twenty days thereafter delivered up to Captain Teverbaugh whose Christian name he does not recollect, and placed in the ranks and mustered into service by him at Fort Pleasant on the South branch of the Potomac, where he remained for the space of 8 or 10 days. And was then taken out of the ranks by Colonel Joseph Nevel, and sent to Colonel Michael Cresap who resided in the said County of Hampshire in the State of Virginia near Old Town on the opposite side and near the mouth of the South branch of the Potomac, at which place he remained & from that time acted as orderly Sergeant under the said Colonel Cresap until the final close of the war, but he does not know whether or not he was really an officer or merely a private acting in the capacity of orderly Sergeant for said Colonel Cresap.

That he was in no battles and marched through counties except those above referred to, but is confident that he served in the capacity above mentioned until the final close of the war a period of more than two years, and that during that time he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

He further declares that he has no documentary evidence. And that he knows him person he can procure who can testify to his service.

He 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/ Charles Rector



[Brinton Webster, a clergyman, and Daniel Potter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Questions and Answers propounded to Charles Rector in reference to his application for a

Pension

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Fauquier County Virginia on the 26 day of March 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have. It is recorded in a Bible which I have at my house in this County.

3rd 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 when called into service in Hampshire County Virginia near old Town – on the Virginia side. I lived after the revolution in the State of Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh and from there I removed to Mason County in the State of Kentucky and from there I removed to Champaign County Ohio and from the latter place I removed to my present place of residence in Miami County Indiana.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Col Nevill Col Cresap, Capt Tapley and Capt. Teverbaugh are all the officers names that I now recollect who were with the troops where I served. I acted as orderly Sergeant to carry orders by night and by day to 22 or 23 captains from Colonel Michael Cresap.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I don't recollect whether I ever received a discharge or not – the war was ended when I was discharged –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Rev. Brinton Webster, Daniel Potter and many others.

[f p. 6: On November 17, 1858 in Miami County Indiana, Catharine Rector, 63, made application as the widow of Charles Rector; that she was married to him in Champlain County Ohio May 20, 1824 by one William Sutton, a Minister of the Gospel; that her husband departed this life January one, 1852 leaving her his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[facts in file: The veteran's widow was Catharine Marshall prior to her marriage to the veteran; there is no other discernible family data in this file.]