

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Rector R8638

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State of Missouri County of Lincoln: SS

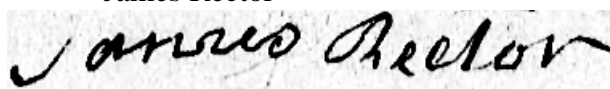
On this 19th day of May A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court of Lincoln County now sitting, being a Court of Record, James Rector, a resident of Lincoln County and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 10th of August A.D. 1781 for the period of six months under the following named officers (viz.) Colonel Dabney and Captain Dudley: that he left said Company of Captain Dudley on the 25th day of November A.D. 1781; that he was actively engaged in serving his Country in this expedition the period of three months, that he resided when he entered the service in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia: that he was engaged in the very memorable battle of York, or the Siege of York, and was present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword an Army to General Washington which battle took place on the 19th October A.D. 1781: that the place where the troops attached to the company to which he belonged rendezvoused was at Fauquier Courthouse Virginia, from thence he marched to Fredericksburg; thence to Goochland Courthouse; thence to Richmond; thence to Williamsburg; thence to York: thence to Hampton: thence to Portsmouth across the bay; thence to old Williamsburg, where he was discharged; that he had no acquaintance with any of the officers commanding the Regiment or company to which he was attached (so short was his stay in the Army:) That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service:

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Francis Parker, Clerk

James Rector



[Robert Gilmore, a clergyman, and Thomas Foley & Elijah Hawkins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Fauquier County, Virginia on the 22nd day of August A.D. 1754.

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

A. I have a Transcript of the Record of my age taken from my Father's Bible in a Book now in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. When called into service I was living in Fauquier County Virginia, since that time I have lived in North Carolina and Kentucky and I now live in Lincoln County Missouri.

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

A. 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.

A. Colonel Dabney and Captain Dudley worthy Regular officers, the former commanded the Regiment, the latter the Company to which I belonged. At the Siege of York and surrender of Lord Cornwallis General Washington had the command. The general circumstances of the War were such as cannot well be described, but the effects of this engagement are now seen and felt in the freedom we Americans now enjoy.

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

A. I never got a discharge the Colonel of old Williamsburg I was informed when I was discharged give me a furlough for 42 days, the Treaty of peace came on, in the meanwhile, and I never returned to get a regular discharge yet I held myself in readiness and bound to fill out by term of 6 months.

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.

A. I am well known to Allen Claire, Daniel Player, Elijah and William Hawkins & Thomas Foley
S/ James Rector

[This file contains no family data.]