

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rickles (Rickels) R8790 Mary f19VA
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State of Kentucky County of Campbell: SS

On this 22nd day of January 1844 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Campbell County, now sitting, William Rickles a resident of the town of Newport in the County of Campbell and State of Kentucky aged about eighty-three 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. –

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 states in the Company of Joseph Morton, Captain of which Company John Terrell was the 1st Sergeant, Killand McGran was the Drummer and he recollects of the privates in that Company the names of John Harris, Joseph Harris, William Hooker, James Dennam, Namen Roberts, Samuel Hues and Joseph Clark – that at the time he entered into the service he resided in the County of Pittsylvania, State of Virginia, where he continued to reside until he removed to the State of Kentucky near fifty years ago – & has continued to reside in the State of Kentucky ever since – that he was at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] to which place he marched, but has little or no recollection of the country through which he passed from Pittsylvania to that place – that he was drafted into the service – that he did not know & does not recollect any of the officers in the Regular service except General Greene [Nathanael Greene] who commanded the Army & does not remember by any particular designation any of the Continental regiments or companies with which he served – that he had a discharge & gave it to his father, who has been dead about thirty years & he does not know what has become of it & is now not in possession of any documentary evidence & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – that he was called out for six months & remained in service until General Greene discharged his Captain – that he resides in the town of Newport, County of Campbell & State of Kentucky & has resided in said town for many years – that he is known in said town to General James Taylor, Richard Southgate, Esquire, James D Anderson and others, who can testify to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

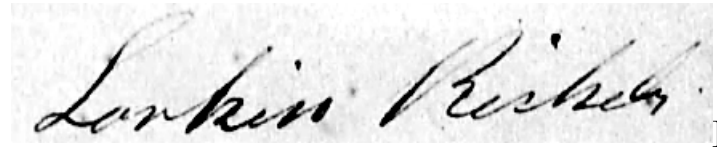
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Rickels, X his mark

[Edward L. Southgate, a clergyman, and Horatio L. Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 16: On November 25, 1848 in Hamilton County of Ohio, Larkin Rickels made oath that he

is the son of William Rickels here present who was a soldier of the revolutionary Army under General Green at the battle of Guilford Court House.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorhain Rickels". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'L' and 'R'. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[f p. 7: On November 10th, 1852 in Campbell County Kentucky, Mary Rickels filed a power of attorney stating she is the widow of William Rickels, deceased. She signed the power of attorney with her mark.]