

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Royatree (Royalty) R9055 Sally f25VA
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State of Kentucky County of Casey: Sct

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John L. Bridges Judge of the Casey Circuit Court now sitting John Rialtree [sic] a resident of Casey County & State of Kentucky aged seventy-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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. About the first of February 1781 he joined Captain [indecipherable name]¹ Company of Militia in Amherst County Virginia as a substitute for Thomas Waugh the Commander of the Regiment to which he belonged not known marched on until we joined General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade who marched us to Guilford Courthouse North Carolina to General Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Head Quarters served under General Green until discharged which was on Deep River in North Carolina, for a tour of two months and about the first of May following he entered the Services of the United States [several indecipherable words]² under Captain [indecipherable name]³ as substitute for the aforesaid Thomas Waugh of Amherst County Virginia and was attached to Colonel Lindsey's Regiment of General Lawson's Brigade, marched from Amherst Courthouse on by Richmond to old Jamestown, & had a night engagement with the British at that place, from Jamestown we marched to Maublin hill [Malvern Hills] & there was discharged by General Lawson for a tour of three months. Then returned home to Amherst County & in 5 days was called in to perform his own Tour as a drafted militia man he enlisted the service of the United States the 3rd time about the middle of August 1781 in Amherst County Virginia under Captain Landrum [perhaps Young Landrum] who marched us through Richmond & Williamsburg to yourktown [Yorktown] General Washington's Headquarters served there during the whole siege and after the surrender of Cornwallis' Army [October 19 1781] he served as one of the guards of the prisoners on their March near Winchester Virginia & was then taken sick & was discharged for three months making his whole services eight months. That he has no documentary evidence and that he

¹ *W. Waugh*
² *around time*
³ *Phaulter*

knows of no person whose testimony 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Royaltree

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Royaltree". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

[Jesse C. Portman, a clergyman, and Jesse Coffee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Casey County Sct.

This Day personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for Casey County John Rialtree the above named Declarant and made oath that the following Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department is correctly answered 1st Interrogatory Answered Born in Stratford County State of Virginia in the year 1759, 2nd Interrogatory Answered, I have no record of my age, 7th Interrogatory Answered Patrick Hyght & Osborne Coffey, Both of whom personally appeared before me & made oath for veracity of the above named Declarant John Rialtree is good & that they believe he was Soldier of the Revolution, both of which is honest & correct Citizens & credit is due to their statements & it is my opinion that the declarant served as he has stated & was a Revolutionary Soldier all of them as above stated has been sworn & subscribed their names as follows John Rialtree, Patrick Hyght, Osborne Coffey

Given under my hand & seal this 12th day of January 1833

S/ John Reffe, acting Justice for Casey County

[f p. 13: On March 30, 1857 in Collin County Texas, Sally Royalty [sic], 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Royalty a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 25 1803; that her husband died December 16 1844; she states: "She further states that she supposes that in her Husband's application for a pension it was fault of the Draftsman in spelling his name Royaltree as he could not write, that the sound is somewhat similar." She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: copy of a marriage bond dated January 24, 1803 issued in Lincoln County Kentucky to John Rialty [sic] & William Sampson conditioned upon the marriage of John Rialty and Sally Sage on which appears the endorsement by Jeremiah Vardeman that he has solemnized their marriage January 27 1803.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]