

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Rudder R9064

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County of Bath and State of Kentucky

On this 12th day of November personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for Bath County and State aforesaid Charles Rudder aged Seventy-six 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 in the month of September or October as a volunteer under the Command of Captain Thomas Treadgill that he was marched with two companies through Macklinburg County [Mecklenburg County Virginia] from thence crossing the Roanoke River to Hillsborough North Carolina from thence through Solsbury [Salisbury] from thence across Pedee River From thence to the Chereau Hills [Cheraw Hills]; where we was stationed for a short time where I recollect one Colonel Glen though not able to say whether I was under his command I was here put under command of another Captain whose name I have many years forgotten from this place I was marched by my Captain in pursuit of some Tories; who we found stationed at some Mills; and we took them all prisoners from this place I was marched to a place called the Cowpens and then to the Eutaw Springs and from thence back in a direction to Guilford Court House where our force joined General Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Army = Here I was detached from my Company and placed with the guard to protect our Baggage waggons in which capacity I remained until after the Battle fought at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]; I remained until sometime in April with the Army: when I obtained a Furlough to return to my Father's in Lunenburg County State of Virginia where I was born. I stayed a few days with my people; Then I set out and again joined the forces at old Williamsburg – State of Virginia from this place after some time we marched to Dandridges old fields and after staying here for some time we marched Back to old Williamsburg. At which place and round in the vicinity I remained until we received orders to march to Glaster [Gloucester] side until the surrender of General Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] from which place I received my discharge and returned to my Father's residence Some few days before Christmas; And gave my discharge to my Father; and in unable to tell what ever became of it as I have never seen it since as my Father has been dead nearly forty years and at his death all his papers fell in the hands of my two Elder Brothers who I have not heard from for twenty years past; I am now old and infirm and afflicted with the total loss of my eyesight for near three years past and almost deaf and poor with all the other afflictions I labor under; Should government think my services merit a small donation it will be thankfully received if otherwise I humbly submit knowing that a few more years at most well and my troubles and afflictions in this life.

S/ Richard D. Brown, JP

I hereby certify that Charles Rudder the applicant in the certificate is very infirm from old

age and infirmities to attend to his business. Given under my hand this 12th day of November 1836

S/ Richard D. Brown, JP

[Asa Maxey, a teacher of Christian religion, and Drury B. Boyd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Greenup County Sct.

Before me William Kouns a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Greenup in the State of Kentucky personally appeared Nancy Womack of the said County a person well known to me as a credible witness who made oath that Charles Rudder who the witness says she has been informed has heretofore made an application for a pension for his Services as a revolutionary Soldier she further states that said Rudder was reported to have been a Soldier in the Army of the United States. She further states that she is the sister of the said Rudder & she well recollects although small that her Brother came home upon furlough whilst he was in the United States Army & that he brought the witness some thembles [sic? thimbles?] as a present and directed her to give some to her playmates & he stayed at home some 3 or 4 days or possibly a week, She states further that she heard her father state that he read the furlough of her brother her brother after staying the time as above stated he returned to the Service and there remained for the space of from 9 to 12 months when the war was closed to the best of her recollection.

Given under my hand this 7th of May 1836

S/ William Kouns, JP