

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Runion R9079

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State of Virginia, Jackson County

On this 22nd day of June, 1833, personally appeared before me the subscriber and Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Jackson, Elijah Runion, a resident of Spring Creek in the County of Jackson, aged 76 years, and made oath 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. In Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia in the month of May, 1778, he was drafted as a private militiaman and placed under command of Capt. John Rader, in company with Captain Books Company of militia from the said County of Shenandoah, marched in a company of militia commanded by the said Capt. Rader in company with Capt. Bucks company of militia from the said County of Shenandoah—marched up the North Branch of Potomac River, crossed the Allegheny Mountain at Yah Glades, thence to the Monongahela River, crossing the same near the mouth of Cheat River, thence to Wheeling Fort where they arrived in July, found the fort garrisoned by a few militia under command of Col. Zane, halted at Wheeling until sometime in the month of Sept., then marched through the wilderness with a regiment commanded by Col. John Gibson in the army of Genl. McIntosh toward the Indian towns on the Sandusky, proceeded as far as Tuscarawas, halted here and built a fort which was call Fort Laurens, winter setting in the fort garrisoned with one or two hundred men under command of Col Gibson and the balance of the army returned to the settlements. Declarant was discharged at Wheeling in Dec. by his Capt. Rader, having served 7 months as a private. In June, 1780 in the County of Ohio, Va., he volunteered as a private under command of Capt. Mason, was marched to Fort Pitt in Pennsylvania was there attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Williamson in the Army commanded by Colonel Broadhead, marched up the Allegheny River from Fort Pitt against the Munsie [Munsee] Towns which was destroyed together with all the corn & then returned to Fort Pitt halted here a short time then sailed down the Ohio River in canoes to Wheeling. Shortly after which a considerable Army arrived under Command of Colonel Broadhead. Declarant was placed under Command of Colonel Shepherd in the Army under Colonel Broadhead was marched to Coshocton another Indian village which they destroyed after having fought a battle with the Indians – destroyed crops of Corn, they also destroyed the Chillicott [Chillicothe] Town & Pique Towns together with all the corn crops and other Indian property. After which they returned to Wheeling where he was on the 27th of December discharged by Captain Bilderbock under whom he served in the Campaign against the Indians on the Muskindom [sic, Muskingum River]. He served from the time he marched to Fort Pitt in June until the 27th of December as a private militia man making an addition of six months.

In March in the year 1781 in the said County of Ohio he volunteered as an Indian Spy was stationed at Holiday's Fort and placed under the command of Ensign Thomas Ligett [sic, Leggett?] , who pursuant to the orders of Col. Swearingen who commanded at Holiday's Fort was engaged during the spring, summer and fall in spying through the country bordering on the Ohio until Winter set in and put a stop to Indian aggression for a season. Declarant served in this year as an Indian spy under

Ensign Ligett from March until the first of December a private making nine months additional service.

In April 1782, in the County of Harrison in the State of Virginia he again volunteered as a private Indian spy under Colonel William Lowther, Captain George Jackson, Ensign William White, and under the immediate Command of the latter, was engaged in spying from Nutter's Fort near the place where Clarksburg now is – spied through the counties which now composes Harrison, Wood & Tyler, marking the movements of the savages and reporting to the Forts until the Winter again checked the savage inroads, was then (the first of December) dismissed having served eight months in this year 1782 as a private Indian spy – making in all 30 months – which he served as a private militia man and as an Indian spy. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services and knows of no man living whose testimony he can procure to testify to the same. He was born in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia on the 11th of July in the year 1757, he was living in said County of Shenandoah when first called into service. He then lived in Ohio County Virginia until the winter of 1781 & 2. Then moved to Harrison County lived there until the year 1875 [sic, 1785?] when he settled in Mason County Virginia no Jackson County where he still lives.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah Runion X his mark

The following are his answers to the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department this to the 1st I was born in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia on the 11th July 1757.

2nd I have no record of my age. I remember the time my parents told me I was born in.

3rd When first called into service I was living in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia I afterwards lived in Ohio County Virginia – where I was in the year 1780 & 1781 called into service I then lived in Harrison County Virginia & was in the year 1782 called into service from that County. I now live in Jackson County, Virginia.

4th I was the first Tour drafted in all the other Tours which I served I volunteered.

5th I was acquainted with General McIntosh, with Col. Broadhead at Fort Pitt, at Wheeling I knew Colonel Zane, Shepherd & Swearingen & John Gibbs &c.

6th I was discharged by Captain Rader who signed my discharge & by Captain Bilderbock who signed it at the end of the other Tours I was dismissed.

7th I am known to Samuel Tanner & Jesse Carpenter – in my neighborhood who can testify to my character &c.

[Samuel Tanner and Jesse Carpenter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Elijah Runion—Applicant--Suspended

I the undersigned Elijah Runion in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following statement of my age and Revolutionary Services to wit – I am seventy-four years old – was born in New Jersey and lived in Shenandoah County Virginia during the War of the Revolution. Some time during the War of the Revolution – but I cannot tell in what year, I volunteered for three months & marched from Shenandoah County under Captain Michael Rader to Wheeling Virginia. Served out my tour of three months and returned home – and this tour comprises all the services I done as a soldier during the War of the Revolution –R H Louthner wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same statement now given. I swore to it before Thomas Boggs Esq. -- was at that time and still am able to travel to the County Seat.

In witness that the foregoing statements contained the Truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth, I hereto subscribe my name. December 26, 1834.

S/ Eljah Runion, X his mark

Witness:
J. M. Steen [?]