

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Skinner R9637

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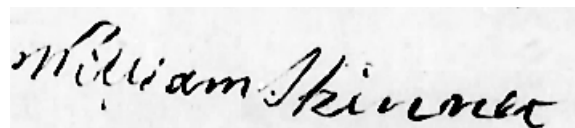
State of Virginia & County of Fairfax: SS

On this 22nd day of August 1838 personally appeared before the County Court William Skinner a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – that he was drafted as a common soldier and served a six months tour of duty in the Virginia Militia in the year 1781 – and was marched from Alexandria under command of Major Dennis Ramsay Captain Robert Sanford and Lieutenant Thompson Mason Ensign not recollected [in] the spring 1781 and joined a large number of militia at Williamsburg commanded by General Weeden [George Weedon], and afterwards by the Marquis de Lafayette, from there the Army returned to the City of Richmond where we had a number of encounters with the British, sometimes in front & sometimes in Rear; finally day appeared South of James River and burnt the Manchester warehouses [April 30, 1781]; after which he was discharged, having completed and finished his tour of duty.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he 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/ William Skinner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Skinner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Virginia Fairfax County: to wit

I Robert Radcliffe a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Henry S. Halley¹ of said County appeared before me this day and made oath that he is well acquainted with William Skinner of said County that he well recollects his serving a tour of duty as a soldier in the Revolutionary war in the year 1781 under the command of Major Dennis Ramsay. That he the said Henry S. Halley served with him in the same Battalion, & that as well as he recollects the company officers were Captain Robert Sandford and Lieutenant Thompson Mason (Ensign not recollected). He further states that Presley Gray² of Kentucky served in the same Company with the affiant and in the same Battalion with the said William Skinner. The term for which the said William Skinner was drafted this affiant has no recollection of but well

¹ FPA R4493

² FPA R4226

recollects his marching from home in the year 1781 and returning sometime in the summer following and that the said William Skinner discharge faithfully the duties of a soldier during the whole time he was in service, and was honorably discharged.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February 1832

S/ Robert Ratcliffe

[f p. 6: On January 3, 1853 in Alexandria County Virginia, Margaret Noland who described herself as the only surviving child of William Skinner, a petitioner for a pension under the act of June 7 1832, signed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney to pursue the claim. She signed her power of attorney with her mark.]