

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Roots S10256

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State of Virginia Shenandoah County: SS

On this 13th day of December 1836 personally appeared before me David Crawford a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia Michael Roots a resident of Shenandoah County and State of Virginia aged ninety 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 volunteered in the second week of August 1776, in Bucks County State of Pennsylvania and served a tour of five months as Sergeant in the flying Camp Pennsylvania Militia under the command of Colonel McAllister his Captain was named Valentine Hup his Lieutenant was named Philip Trumptown and his Ensign was named Samuel Dean he states that he marched from Bucks County in the month of August 1776 to Amboy New Jersey and was stationed at Amboy about four months, from Amboy he crossed over to Staten Island under the command of General Mercer and was engaged in a small battle upon the Island under General Mercer and after the battle, the Army returned back to Amboy a short time previous to the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776] and from Amboy the Army retreated; and he was afterwards engaged in the battle of Trenton under General Mercer on the 26 December 1776 and after the battle of Trenton he crossed the Delaware River into Pennsylvania and was discharged by his Captain in or about the 15th of January 1777 having served out his tour [tour]. He further declares that he removed to Shenandoah County State of Virginia in the year 1779 and on the 1st July 1781 he was drafted and served a tour of two months as a Soldier in a Company of Cavalry from Shenandoah County State of Virginia under the Command of John Crookshanks his Lieutenant was named William Dennis he marched from Woodstock to Fredericksburg Virginia and thence to near Richmond Virginia under the command of Captain Crookshanks and then was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell, he marched from Richmond into the edge of North Carolina and thence back to Richmond and thence to near York town Virginia and after having served two months in this tour his Captain was taken sick and returned home and he with another soldier was detailed to come home with his Captain and did not return again to the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Michael Roots, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Crawford

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer in Bucks County State of Pennsylvania in 1746

Interrogatory 2nd. Have you any Record of your age if so where is it

Answer. I have no written Record of my age

Interrogatory 3rd. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war; and where do you now live.

Answer I lived in the State of Pennsylvania when called into service for the first tour; in Shenandoah County Virginia for second tour and have lived in Shenandoah County State of Virginia ever since

Interrogatory 4. How were you called into Service

Answer in the 1st tour I volunteered & in the second drafted

Interrogatory 5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general Circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and General Mercer were two of the regular officers he does not now recollect the names of the Continental and Militia Regiments.

Interrogatory 6 did you ever receive a discharge

Answer. I did not receive any written discharge in the first tour I was told by my Captain after having served out the time that I had volunteered for I was discharged and could go home – in the second tour I came home with my Captain and did not return and was told by my Captain I was discharged

Interrogatory 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution.

Answer Jacob T Duffenbacker, Frederic Weaver, Abraham Rieser  
[the above named 3 individuals gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: In a letter dated January 31st, 1843 Thomas Monroe of Woodstock Virginia states that the veteran died in the month of September in 1842 in Shenandoah County. Monroe inquires whether one of the sons of the veteran with whom he lived for many years could draw the balance of the pension due his father at the time of his death. The name of the son is not set forth in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Pennsylvania & Virginia militia.]