

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Ringo S14290

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State of Kentucky } Ss.

County of Spencer }

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky now sitting John Ringo a resident in the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky aged seventy one years on the 28th day of last April 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 after stated. The said John Ringo states that he was drafted for a two months tour of duty in the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] & State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt'n Jacob Reed as a private Soldier in the year 1778 or 1779 he does not recollect for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Virginia in Jan 1779] and was marched to Leesburg Virginia where his duties of Guarding said prisoners commenced, from thence we marched & guarded them to Albemarle Barracks, or Charlottesville & there he performed his duty as Guard until his two months tour was performed when he was discharged, of the date of his being drafted & the time when he was discharged his mind does not serve him it being a short tour but his recollection is very distinct as to the service he performed. the said John Ringo further states that in the month of October in the year 1779 (he does not recollect the day of the month) he volunteered in the Virginia Malitia in the County of Loudon for a two months tour and was marched to Richmond under Capt'n Daniel Fegans [Daniel Feagan R3473] & there joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. [John] Alexander we marched from thence down James River to James Town & from thence to Williamsburg & there we lay some time from Williamsburg he was marched to Loudon County Va. there discharged in the month of December 1779 he states that he was in no battles or actual engagements during his service in the aforesaid tour

The said John Ringo further states that he was drafted in the Virginia malitia in the month of march 1781 and on the 19th day of said month was mustered into service in Loudon County virginia and was marched from thence to Fredericksburg, from thence to Albemarle Barracks under one Ensign Turberfield [probably Turberville] and was there placed under the command of one Capt'n. [Reuben] Fields in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Posey [BLWt1733-450] from thence he was marched & crossed James River at what was called the Point of fork [at the confluence of Rivanna River, 6 Jun 1781], we was then marched & crossed Staunton River & there halted, we were then ordered by an Express to join Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne as he intended to attack the british, we marched back to James River & joined the Army commanded by Gen'l. Wayne at a place called James Town, where the British were attacked by Wayne [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], after we had joined him, they after that crossed the River from thence we followed the British to York and was with the Army & constituted a part thereof at the Siege of York until it was ended which resulted in the capture or surrender of Cornwallis which event took place on the 19th day of October 1781 as he believes, in November 1781 the Regiment to which he was attached was marched to Cumberland old Courthouse 12 miles from Carters ferry [now Cartersville] on James River where we lay all winter, in February 1782 we was marched to join Gen'l Waynes army and did join Waynes Army at a place called Ebenezer about 25 miles above Savannah. we lay there until some time in June following when the British evacuated Savannah [sic: 11 Jul 1782], during the above period we were attacked by a party of Creek indians at Gibbons's about 8 miles above Savannah [skirmish at the Widow Gibbons's at Sharon Ga, 24 May 1782], where we had considerable action in which we lost several men the Indians had upwards of 40 killed in the woods & on the plain at another time when the British went out foraging or to get cattle we attacked them on the Ogeechee road [at Harris's Bridge, 20 May 1782] we attacked them and killed several of them, in this

skirmish we had two men killed. from thence we marched to South Carolina & joined the Army commanded by General [Nathanael] Greene we lay some time at Ashley Hill 15 miles from Charleston, and from thence we were marched back to Cumberland old Courthouse in virginia 12 miles from Carters ferry on James River & there discharged about the first of December 1782. he states it as his impression that he received written discharges for all the tours afs'd. if so they are lost or destroyed long since & that he has no documentary evidence that he knows one Joseph Watson [S11659] by whom he can prove his services from March 1781 to December 1782 the said Watson having been in the service with him in the same Regiment during said period but he does not know of any other person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his services. He states he was born in Amwell Township Hunterdon County in the State of New Jersey on the 28th April 1761. has no record of his age it having been destroyed. his father moved from thence to Loudon County virginia in the year 1770 where he was raised, moved from Loudon County Va. to Shelby County Kentucky in the year 1808. lived in Shelby county Ky from that time until the year 1824 when Spencer County was stricken off & formed he fell into Spencer County & has resided in Spencer County ever since & now resides in Spencer County.
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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
John hisXmark Ringo

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

J Ringo soldier in Colo Poseys detachment of Continental Troops having served the time for which he was engaged is hereby discharged the service. Given at Cumberland old Court house November 3^d 1782.

Cha Scott B.G. [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850]

The above Soldier Enlisted in Loudoun Count for eighteen months by act of ass'a [Assembly].

Francis Peyton C. L't. L'o. M [County Lieutenant Loudoun Militia]

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The Bearer hereof is requested to settle with and receive from the Cont'l Commission Certificates for the Ballance of my pay as a soldier in the Cont'l army
Ap'l 11th 1785.



Loudoun County Ap'l 11th 1785.

I do hereby Certify that John Ringo was Drafted from the Militia of said County the 19th March 1780 [sic] to serve as a Soldier in the Cont'l Army the Term of Eighteen Months agreeable to act of G'l Ass'a [General Assembly]

Francis Peyton C. L't. L'o. M

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists John Ringo/ age 18/ height 5' 10"/ light-brown hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ pitted by small pox/ planter/ born in Amwell NJ/ residing in Loudoun County where he was drafted on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized on 28 May.

On 6 Apr 1853 Jane Swope appointed an attorney to obtain any pension due to her as heiress of John Ringo, who died on 4 Oct 1843, leaving no widow, his wife having died before him.