

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rust S15631

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State of Kentucky Mason County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Mason Circuit Court of said County John Rust a resident Citizen of said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 providing for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution. Says that he is now in the 77th year of his age that he resided in Fauquier County Virginia in the war of the Revolution, that in the spring of the year 1776 he entered as a private in the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and served as such to the North, was at the City of New York and was in the Action when Major Andw Leatch [Andrew Lietch or Andrew Leitch] of the said Regiment was wounded in a buckwheat field and died of Lockjaw. That he was also at the battle of White Plains, after which he was appointed an Ensign in the 10th Virginia Regiment and sent home on the recruiting Service that same fall and was employed in the said recruiting service until the summer of 1777 during which time he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. That him Deponent and Lieutenant Nath'l Ashbey [Nathaniel Ashby] of the 3rd Virginia Regiment and of same County with deponent who had also been recruiting repaired to and joined the Grand Army the day before the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] in which deponent was and received a slight wound being in the company commanded by Capt. Thos Blackwell [? Thomas Blackwell?]¹: that he had two men killed in said Battle in his Platoon, that after the said Battle he deponent was ordered in command with the sick and wounded to Bethlehem Pennsylvania where he remained with the sick and wounded at that place during the fall and part of the winter when he again joined the grand Army at Valley Forge and remained in service two or three months when he was again ordered on the Recruiting Service. That he was employed for several months in the Recruiting Service in Fauquier & Loudoun Counties attending all gatherings and public places where there was a prospect of success that he raised and marched a company of recruits to Pittsburgh General McIntosh being then in command of that place, That in the year 1779 (as he believes) he was accompanied by the late Colonel Thomas Marshall of 10th Regiment of Virginia State Artillery (being then in Williamsburg) and introduced by the said Colonel Marshall to the Governor of Virginia in person and was then appointed a Captain in Muter's [George Muter] Regiment of the Regiment of Virginia State Garrison by the said Governor & Council where he expects the records will show his appointment in which capacity he served afterwards to the close of the War – wherever his services were required that in the winter or spring of the year 1781 he had the

¹ *Capt. Thos. Blackwell*

command of a Rifle Company at Williamsburg & Richmond, that he knows not at this time of any officer living by whom he can distinctly prove his Services. That 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 United States of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year before stated.

S/ John Rust



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Washington February 25th 1834

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 24th. I knew Captain Rust very well and wish it was in my power to give any information which would avail him, but it is not.

I am satisfied he entered into the service early in 1776 and have no doubt of his being in the action at the heights of Harlem [September 16, 1776]. Part of his Regiment under Major Lee which [?] was engaged in it. I believe he was a subaltern in the 10th [?] Virginia Regiment, but I cannot speak precisely of this. I have no doubt he has drawn his depreciation, and the books in the auditors office well show precisely his time of service. I know nothing concerning him after his leaving us at Valley Forge. I remained in the North and he states himself to have served in Virginia.

Mr. Benjamin Rust an elder brother of Captain John Rust resides in the upper part of Fauquier in Virginia and is perhaps the only person living who can give any [indecipherable word] on the subject of your inquiry.

I am Sir very respectfully

Your Obdt

S/ J Marshal²



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State of Kentucky Fleming County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber [?] a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Joseph Godard [sic] who being duly sworn saith that Captain John Rust now believed to be living in Mason County Kentucky and himself were school children together being near neighbors in Fauquier County Virginia, that the said Rust was some five or six years older than deponent, that in the year 1776 the said John Rust was in the Army towards the North, that in the fall he returned home an Ensign of the 10th Virginia Regiment and commenced recruiting men for the said Regiment, that said deponent enlisting and marching in January knows no more of the said John Rust until the 10th of September 1777 when he joined the Regiment and in the same Company in which deponent was (Captain Blackwell's) and was in the battle of Brandywine, that after said battle said deponent was sent on detachment and was at Bristol, Burlington, Trenton, Princeton &c and did not do [?] in the Army

² [John Marshall S5731](#), Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court from 1801 to his death in 1835

until sometime in [indecipherable interlineation appears to be probably a month and a year but illegible] at the Valley Forge. That while there he will [sic, well] recollects that he saw the said John Rust in the service [?] and he says that shortly afterwards the said John Rust left the service and returned home, and as he deponent understood being dismissed [from] the service for fighting at fisticuffs with a Captain Laird [probably David Laird] he says that the said Rust as he ever understood being current [?] in the neighborhood marched a company of men to Pittsburgh and was called [?] Captain, said deponent saith that very shortly after he left the service he married and moved from that County into Western Virginia or Pennsylvania about 10 or 12 miles distant from the Ohio River and had no opportunity of knowing the services of Captain Rust after that period and further he saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 2nd of July 1832

S/ Danl. Morgan, JP

S/ Joseph Goddard³



State of Kentucky Mason County Sct.:

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Captain John Rust who being duly sworn saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below (to wit) as a private three months as an Ensign and 6 months as a Lieutenant six months as a Captain two years and upwards and for such services he claims a pension also he further says that he was born in the year 1755 in the County of Fauquier and state of Virginia. That he has no record of his age and he states that when he entered the service at first, it was as a volunteer for during the War and lastly he says that he is known to many in his County and neighborhood particularly by Adam Beatty and John Chambers the two gentlemen who testified as to their knowledge of him at the time he made his declaration in Open Court on the 1st of September last and further he saith not.

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 22nd day of March 1833

S/Levi Vancamp, JP

S/ John Rust

State of Kentucky Mason County: SS

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County William Waddle [sic] who being duly sworn saith that in the latter part of the winter or spring of the year 1781 that he deponent marched with many others from Fauquier and other Counties as a militia man to Williamsburg for the protection of that place that on their march there they were arranged into Companies. That he deponent was placed in a Rifle company and put under the command of Captain John Rust now living in the aforesaid County with whom deponent was acquainted being a Citizen of the County of Fauquier and did not march from there with the troops or at least he was not seen or heard of by deponent until he was placed under his command at Williamsburg as Captain, that said troops were compelled to evacuate Williamsburg and retreat to Richmond where deponent and the rest of the troops were dismissed in April or May 1781. The said Captain Rust remained at Richmond or at least did not return home with the

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other men, he knows not how long the said Rust served in that capacity – Said deponent further states that it was ever so understood at the time that the said Captain John Rust had been an officer in the Virginia Continental line previous to that time and with the grand Army to the North but he knows not his rank as the corps or Regiment in which he was or how long he served he only knows from common fame at the time that he was an officer and further he saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before made this 29th day of June 1832

S/ William Waddell, Senior

William Waddell Sr.

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It appears from the Muster Rolls of the 10th Virginia Regiment, on file in this Office, that John Rust was appointed an Ensign on the 19th of November 1776, and he appears to have been dismissed in February 1778 –

Treasury Department

3rd Auditor's Office

7th May 1834

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 8 months in the Virginia service.]