

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rucker S16520

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this eighteenth day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Dillard Herndon a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Elbert and State of Georgia William Rucker a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia, who is old and infirm and who cannot attend Court on account of his bodily infirmity aged eighty-eight years and a few months, 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 stated.

That he was drafted into the Service of the United States, served under Captain Phink [Fink?] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Slaughter for two months, the date not recollected, that he resided in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia at the time when he [was] drafted into Service, joined his Regiment at Culpeper Court House State of Virginia marched from thence through Fredericksburg to Sandy Point below Richmond in the State of Virginia from thence to Black Water in South Hampton County from thence to Petersburg Virginia, and was present at a battle fought at that place [April 25, 1781], from thence to Richmond, from thence to Colonel Randal's above Richmond where he was discharged after serving two months, was discharge for this time, that he entered the service for, but does not recollect the date the only Continental officers which he served with as well as he can recollect are General Muhlenberg and Baron Steuben.

That also he was drafted into the Service of the United States under Captain Slaughter in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Slaughter for two months the date he does not recollect, that he resided in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia at the time when he entered the service and joined the Regiment at a place not now recollected marched to the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] and after serving one month he substituted a man to serve for him by the name of Furnace.

That also he was drafted into the service of the United States under Captain Beall commanded by Colonel Finney the date not recollected, that he resided in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia mostly employed whilst in this service in gathering of cattle and carrying them to the Army, after serving four months, was discharged from the service of the United States making in all seven months or more Service in the United States during the Revolutionary War, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure without a great deal of trouble except John Maxwell ~~and~~ ___— affidavits are hereto annexed, who can testify to his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

He says that he was born September the 28th in the year 1744 in the County of Culpeper

State of Virginia. Says that he has a Record of his age in his possession and that when called into service he lived in Culpeper County State of Virginia, and that he lived in the State of Virginia until about thirty years past, since has resided in the County of Elbert State of Georgia where he now resides, he says that he was drafted into the Service, that General Muhlenberg and Baron Steuben were with the troops where he served, the different Continental and militia Regiments which he served with he does not know by name. He says that he received no written discharge he was generally discharged verbally or disbanded.

He states that the names of some of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution are John Maxwell, John Harris, Thomas Maxwell, William Ward, Benjamin Brown and John Davis.

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

S/ Dillard Herndon, JIC

S/ William Rucker, X his mark

[Thomas Maxwell, a clergyman, and Reuben Thornton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Elbert County: Personally appeared before me Dillard Herndon, one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Elbert State of Georgia, John Maxwell, and after being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say that he was well acquainted with the above named applicant William Rucker during the Revolutionary War, and that he served with the said Rucker and in the same Company two months in the year 1781 and one month in the year 1781 in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary war as a Soldier; and the deponent further saith that he is seventy years of age, and that he is well acquainted with the applicant William Rucker, and has been for the space of 55 years past.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of May 1833

S/ Dillard Herndon, JIC

S/ John Maxwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Maxwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Maxwell".

[Facts in file: The veteran filed another application, this one dated May 11, 1833, in which he restates the description of his services and the other facts as set forth in his original declaration. John Harris, a clergyman, and Thomas C. Wilhight gave the standard supporting affidavit for the veteran's second application. Because the second application contained no new information regarding the veteran's service or family, I chose not to transcribe it. The veteran died November 22, 1834. There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]