

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Finley Robert
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[p 2] Virginia certificate to Robert Finley
Frederick Co VA, Pvt [*private*] in Capt Wiggins Co
10 mo [*months*]
Issued 28Apr1835 @ \$33.33/annum

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of Virginia, Frederick County, to wit:

On the seventh day of April 1835 personally appeared in open court in the said County of Frederick and state aforesaid, Robert Finley a soldier of the Revolution aged 73 in the present month and 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 army of the United States in the year 1778 early in the month of August under Captain Arch^d Wiggins [*Archibald Wiggins*] for a six month tour in the militia of Hampshire County Virginia, his company at Romney in Virginia and marched to the Ohio River, crossed it, and joined the army on the northwest side at the mouth of Big Brain under the command of Genl McIntosh [*Lachlan McIntosh*] and assisted in building a fort on the Ohio called Fort McIntosh. From thence the army marched to the head or near the head of Muskingum River and on the waters of said river built another fort called Fort Lawrence [*Fort Laurens near present day Bolivar*] from which place the militia were dismissed without written discharge. The deponent served upwards of four months in this tour. The deponent with the others performed a most arduous service suffering frequently for provisions and much exposed to the inclemency of the weather.

In the month of August 1779 early in the month, deponent again volunteered for a six month tour in the militia of Virginia

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in the county of Frederick and joined the company commanded by Capt. John Smith, Marquis Calmes¹ was first lieutenant and George Bell ensign. The company marched from Winchester, Frederick County Virginia and passed through the counties of Culpeper and Orange in Virginia, joined the army at Richmond commanded by Genl Muhlenburg [*Peter Muhlenberg*] and Weeden [*George Weedon*]. From Richmond the army marched down James River crossing the said river at Cabbin Point [*Cabin Point*]*. From thence to Petersburg in Virginia, lay there about two weeks and was dismissed without written discharge. In this tour deponent served about five months to the best of his recollection and belief.

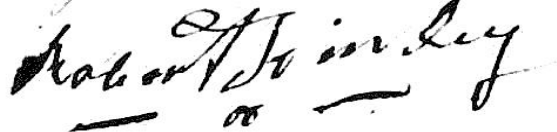
To best of deponent's recollection in the latter end of the winter or spring of 1780 the deponent labored for about two months in assisting to build the "Barracks" near the "Round Hill" in the county of Frederick in Virginia commonly called "the Winchester Barracks" for the

¹ This man's name is variously spelled in the records as Marquis Calmes, , Calmees, Marcus Calmees, Marquis Calomes, Marquis Calmese, Marcus Calmus, Markus Calmee, etc.

safe keeping of the prisoners taken from the British army in the war of the Revolution. The barracks was built under the direction of Capt David Kenedy [*David Kennedy a/k/a David Kenneday*] of Winchester.

Deponent again volunteered to best of his recollection in the winter of 1781 to guard the British prisoners when they were removed from Winchester Barracks in Virginia to Lancaster in Pennsylvania. We was about two months on this tour of duty. Philip Helphenstone [Philip Helpinstone a/k/a Philip Helpinstine, Helpenstone, Helpenstine] was our Capt. and Peter Haskell was lieutenant.

And the said Robert Finley hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any



state or territory whatever

Sworn to in court

April 7th 1835

T.A.Tidball CC

* from hence the army marched to Mackay's Mill

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Interrogatories propounded to the said Robert Finley the applicant by the court:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Buck County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 25th April 1762. So says the record of my age.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have the record of my age in my own house. It is proper to state that this record is transcribed from the record in my father's family bible

3rd Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now reside?

Ans. I lived in the county of Frederick in the neighborhood of Winchester when called into service. Since the war I lived a considerable part of my time in Fairfax County Virginia. For the last seven years I have resided in Frederick County Virginia.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted? Did you volunteer? Or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was a volunteer in every tour I served. Was not drafted nor a substitute.

5th 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.

Ans. In McIntosh campaign Genl McIntosh was commander in chief and his son was one of his aide de camps bore the rank of Major. I don't recollect his Christian name. Col^o John Gibson and Col^o Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead] commanded two regular regiments. Applicant does not recollect the number of the regiments. He volunteered under Capt. John Smith in his second tour, marched to Richmond Virginia, joined the regular army commanded by Genl Muhlenburg and Weeden. Charles

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Magill bore the rank of Major in the regular army and our company was placed under his command.

6th Did you ever receive a written discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge in my instance. I was verbally discharged by the officers. The general circumstances of my services are declared in the body of my declaration.

7th 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 service as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. I do not know any person in my present neighborhood except the wife of my brother Archibald Finley who can give any information on the subject and she is very aged and infirm woman and unable to attend court without great inconvenience. There is no clergyman resident in my neighborhood who can give ant information on the subject. Capt. Peter Louch of Winchester and Frederick Shelby and others can give information on the subject. There are two very aged and infirm individuals residing in Hardy County about sixty or seventy miles from Winchester neither of whom is able to attend Frederick Court, to wit, Jacob Yoakum and Jacob Fisher [s15120] who can testify as my service in McIntosh campaign.

S/ Robert Finley

Sworn to in open Court

T.A.Tidball CC

[certification by

Thomas Allen Tidball, clerk

Nash L Gordon, JP

Agnes Ross of Loudon County re/construction of Round Hill barracks

Thomas M Colston JP

Charles Binns, clerk

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State of Virginia Hardy County to wit}

This day personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Jacob Yoakum and being First duly Sworn according to law, on his Oath Says that he knew a man in the Army during McIntosh's Campaign by the name of Robert Finley, and from various circumstances which (Robert Finley who has made application before the County Court of Frederick for a pension) has called up to his recollection he believes he is the same man. If Robert Finley the applicant is the same man he recollects seeing him in the service both at Fort Larance [Fort Laurens] & Fort McIntosh and further this deponent saith not.

Given under my hand this 14th day of April 1834

S/ John Hopewell [JP]

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Virginia, Frederick County, to wit:

This day appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the said county of Frederick and State of Virginia, Margaret Finley, wife of Archibald Finley, and being first duly sworn according to law, on her oath declares, that she is about seventy three years of age in the present month (April). That she became acquainted with Robert Finley, the applicant for a

pension previous to his entering the service of the United States as a volunteer. Has frequently understood that Captain John Smith commanded the company in the War of the revolution in which he served. That she well recollects the time the said Robert Finley started from Winchester which she believes was early in the month of August 79. That she also recollects when the said Finley returned home from his tour of service, and to the best of her recollection and belief it was about Christmas or a little after that he did return home. And further the deponent saith not. Given under my hand & seal this ___ day of ____ 1835.
[routine form for certification, but blank names and dates and signature spaces.]

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Virginia Frederick County to wit}

This day appeared before the undersigned Justice of the peace in & for the said County of Frederick and State of Virginia, Margaret Finley, and being first duly sworn according to law on her Oath declares, That she is about seventy-three years of age this present month (April) that she became acquainted with Robert Finley the applicant for a pension previous to his entering into the Service of the United States as a Volunteer – has frequently understood that Captain John Smith commanded the company in the War of the Revolution in which he served, that she well recollects the time the said Robert Finley started from Winchester, which she believes was early in the month of August 1779 that she recollects when the said Finley returned home from his Tour of Service, and to the best of her recollection & belief, It was about Christmas or a little after that he did return home and further the deponent saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 20th day of April 1835

S/ Nash L. Gordon, JP

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State of Virginia Loudon [Loudoun] County Sct. }

This day personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for said County Agnes Ross of said County aged seventy-two on the 17th of March last; & being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith; that she was residing at the time, about three miles from the Round Hill in Frederick County Virginia near which the “Barracks” were constructed. That Robert Finley (the present applicant for a pension) lived in the same neighborhood & the two families were on terms of close intimacy. That she has no recollection of dates, but has a perfect recollection of said Robert Finley’s being engaged for a considerable time, at work upon the “Barracks,” & also going to guard the British prisoners to Lancaster in Pennsylvania & further this Deponent saith not.

Given under my hand & seal this 25th day of April 1835

S/ Thomas M. Colston, JP