

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Roland (Rowland) S1716

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State of Tennessee McNairy County: On this the 24th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of pleas and quarter sessions for McNairy County in the State of Tennessee now sitting James Rowland eighty years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia in the month of May in the year of our Lord 1753 from the best information he can get as he has no record of his age, where he resided until his tenth year when his father removed to the County of Anson North Carolina where he lived at the commencement of the revolutionary war. Here he was drafted and as well as he now recollects in the year 1776 or 1777 to serve a tour of 3 months and entered the service of the United States under Captain Culpepper and joined Colonel David Love's Regiment in Anson County North Carolina. So soon as my company joined Colonel Love's Regiment we marched to a place called Lynches Creek in South Carolina. On our way down in South Carolina to disperse some British troops & Tories which was embodying in that section, but at this place an express reached my Colonel ordering him to turn his course and march to the Cherokee nation of Indians, immediately on reaching the news we turned our course and marched to directly to a place called Gilbert-Town on Broad River we here stayed four or five weeks then we went to the Catawba River and crossed the mountains at a place called the Swannanoa Gap, here Captain Culpepper left the Company and Captain William Hoey took the Command as Captain from here we marched down the Swannanoa and crossed the French Broad River at a place called the Old War Ford from here we marched to the big pigeon [sic, Pigeon River] and crossed the River and went directly on in the Cherokee Nation of Indians. We went to the Valley towns in the Nation here we staid a long time scouting in every direction. We killed several Indians and took a great many Prisoners. After we was done in this corps we marched home where I was discharged. I was drafted for the term of 3 months but I served six months. My Time of three months expired while I was in the Nation. The Indians was so troublesome my Captain consented to stay until he could quell them in such a way as to consider it safe to go home & I served for three months in the same tour as a volunteer under the same officers above stated which makes my term of service 6 months that he has no Documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services by. 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 Agency of any State.

S/ James Rowland, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date aforesaid

S. W. S. Wisdom, Clk

[Wiley White, a clergyman, and James Hamlin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]