

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Roarer S19452

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State of Virginia Shenandoah County: him

On this 13th day of January in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Shenandoah now sitting, Henry Roarer, a resident of the County and State aforesaid and in the 74 year of his 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 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 to wit General Stephens [Edward Stevens] is the only field officer I now recollect and the officer of the company to which I belonged were, Jacob Rinker Captain, George Rinker Lieutenant, (Ensign not recollected) and Christian Miller 1st Sergeant. I was drafted in the militia and entered the service some time in the month of October as near as I can recollect in the year 1780. That the place of rendezvous was at Woodstock in the aforesaid County of Shenandoah, and that I lived in said County at the time of entering the service. That we marched from said town towards the South, crossed the Blue Ridge at Rockfish gap, and on towards Carolina through the County of Bedford and directly on to Hillsborough North Carolina then head quarters of the Army. Thence still further South, in the South Carolina where we remained until the approach of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis, and then the Army retreated back to Virginia. I was among those directed to guard the Prisoners of War, to the Albemarle Barracks, and that they were conveyed there and shortly afterwards I assisted in conveying them to the Barracks at Winchester Virginia. I then returned home which was in the month of April or May 1781. I received a discharge signed by Captain Jacob Rinker, which I have lost. That he has no documentary evidence in his possession to exhibit as proof of services. That owing to the length of time and the loss of memory consequence to old age, your Applicant cannot state the names of any other officers, nor the names of any Continental regiments or companies, neither can he give a more minute description of his Services, but refers to the statements entered mark A,<sup>1</sup> B, and C. the following questions were propounded to said Henry Roarer and answered as follows by him

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Lancaster Pennsylvania in the month of April 1760

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

Ans. That I have a record of my age in a large Family Bible now in my possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

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<sup>1</sup> I didn't find an "A" in this file—there were documents marked B, C, and D.

Ans. I have lived in the County of Shenandoah since I was 9 years old  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, questions answered in the foregoing declaration.

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. George A Hupp, William Elbon, Daniel Funkhouser and William Funkhouser

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/ George Hattel

S/ Henry Roarer, X his mark

[George A Hupp & William Elbon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[B]

Frederick County to wit

Personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace, George Lonas,<sup>2</sup> and made oath that he knew Henry Roarer during the revolutionary war, and served together in the same company as private soldiers, commanded by Captain Rinker which company went on to the South, where they served together six months.

I do further certify that I have known George Lonas a number of years, and believe that anything he would state would be entitled to credit and belief.

December 30, 1833

S/ C. G. Lynn

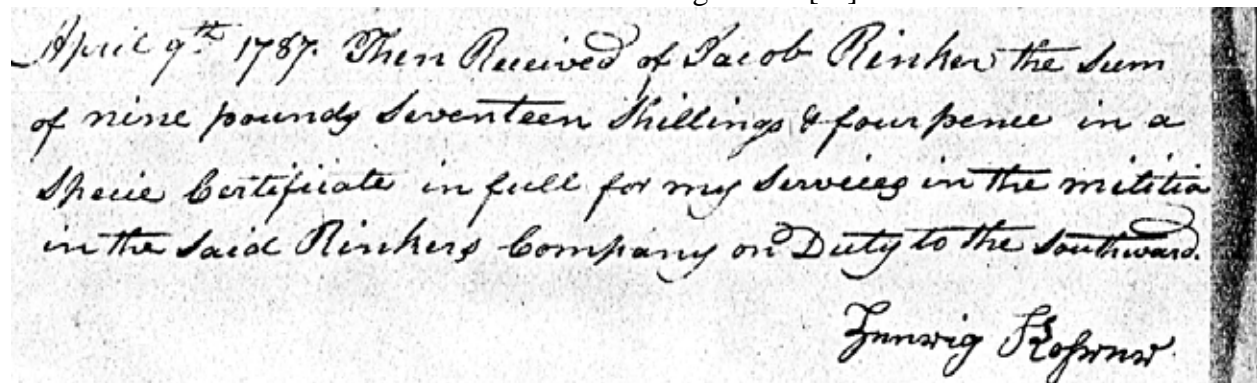
[C]

[Daniel Funkhouser of Shenandoah County gave testimony that he knew Henry Roarer was drafted during the revolutionary war and went to the South as a private soldier in Captain Jacob Rinker's Company.]

[D]

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1787 Then received of Jacob Rinker the Sum of nine Pounds seventeen Shillings & four pence in a Specie Certificate in Full for My Services in the Militia in the Said Rinker's Company on Duty to the Southward.

S/ Zunrig Rofrer [??]



April 9<sup>th</sup> 1787. Then Received of Jacob Rinker the sum of nine pounds seventeen Shillings & four pence in a Specie Certificate in full for my services in the militia in the said Rinkers Company on Duty to the Southward.

Zunrig Rofrer

Virginia Shenandoah County: SS

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S8848

County Abraham Rinker [? could be Absalom Rinker] who being sworn deposes and says that he is administrator of his father Jacob Rinker deceased. That among the papers of said Jacob Rinker deceased was found a small [indecipherable word]<sup>3</sup> book from which the above receipt is copied, that it is in the handwriting of his father and that in the said book are a number of other receipts 1 of George Lonas of the same date but states that the amount paid was for services rendered in the year 1780 & 81. And I do hereby certify that the said Abraham Rinker is a man of honesty and veracity and that full faith and credit should be given to his statement. Given under my hand October 10th, 1833

[illegible signature]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]