

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Rouse S25787 & W9259

Elizabeth Rouse f65VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky Campbell County: Sct

On this 12th day of February 1827 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County of Campbell personally appeared Lewis Rouse, who on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Finks in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Slaughter in the Service of the United States under the command of General Peter Muhlenberg, that his name was placed on the Pension Roll as will appear from the accompanying certificate upon which the deponent has always drawn the pension from the State of Virginia from whence he removed, that he now resides in the State of Kentucky, where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be payable in future – and that his reason for to the United States for a pension are, that he was not advised until within the last year that it could be done being entirely ignorant upon the subject.

S/ Lewis Rouse, X his mark

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Kentucky Campbell County SS

On this 12th day of February 1827 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County of Campbell personally came Jacob Rouse who on his oath declares that he is well acquainted with Lewis Rouse the within deponent that he knew him during the revolutionary war and that he belonged to the same company and Regiment with the said Lewis – and that he is the same person described in the within affidavit – and the same that was wounded in the revolutionary war.

S/ Jacob Rouse

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Rouse". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'J'.

Febry 12 1827

It is hereby certified that Lewis Rouse a private in the Company of infantry commanded by Captain Finks in Colonel Slaughters Regiment of the Virginia militia in the revolutionary war is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid and in the line of his duty – to wit By

satisfactory evidence and accurate examination it appears that on the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ being engaged with the British troops during the revolutionary war at or near a place called Petersburg in the State of Virginia he received a wound from a rifle musket ball in his right thigh and is thereby not only incapacitated full military duty, but in the opinion of the undersigned is one half disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor.

S/ J. Bennett

Acting Surgeon

U. S. Garrison him Newport Kentucky

State of Kentucky Henderson County: Sct : On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of Henderson County Kentucky aforesaid now sitting Lewis Rouse a resident of Henderson in Henderson County in State of Kentucky aforesaid in the lead pension or on half pay, aged 74 years, 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 Army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that he first was drafted as a militia man as a part of the guard on a three months tour at the time the Hessians raised their barracks at Albemarle & served out his time under Captain John Weaver a militia officer - Secondly, he was a substitute for a man (he thinks) of the name of Rice & went to [indecipherable word or words] under the command of Captain Fisher Rice, a militia officer, was out at this time also three months. Thirdly he was a substitute for Moses Broiles & went to Petersburg under the command of Captain Mark Finks, & Colonel (Js he thinks) Slaughter was chosen their one of General Muhlenberg's Life guards went to Norfolk & on to Petersburg, was there engaged with the British [April 25, 1781] & wounded in the right thigh, for which he receives a half pension, was out at that time three months, and besides was nine or ten months under a Doctor (name not remembered) was taken home, & attended by Dr. Booker & 3 or 4 others. His memory being greatly impaired he cannot recollect any Continental Regiment, or companies, with whom he served, nor officers except Colonel Slaughter & General Muhlenberg. He has no documentary Evidence, such as written discharges - & knows of no person to prove his Services, except his brother Joseph Rouse who was living in a remote part of this state but now removed we know not where who could fully prove them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & the half pay in the lead pension; & his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, except that of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Lewis Rouse, X his mark

Attest J Boyle

[Joel Lambert, V. D. M., and John Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On March 31, 1847 in Henderson County Kentucky, Elizabeth Rouse, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Lewis Rouse a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 23, 1783; that her husband died November 8, 1835 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: Joseph D. Gobin gave testimony on April 3, 1847 in Henderson County Kentucky that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that they lived together as man and wife in

Henderson County Kentucky; that their children all of "advanced age" the old as he believes being upwards of 60 years of age.]

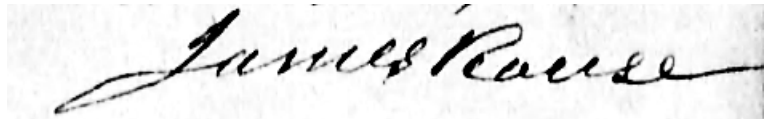
[p 9: William F Smith and William D Allison gave testimony on April 30, 1847 in Henderson County Kentucky that they were well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran and his family moved to the town of Henderson he believes in the year 1821; that they were acquainted with their children the oldest of which is now 60 years of age.]

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State of Kentucky County of Henderson: SS,

James Rouse of said County being first duly sworn according to law declares and says That he is now of the age of sixty years, that he was born in the year 1792 as he has always understood and believes and is the son of Lewis Rouse deceased late of the County of Henderson, and of Elizabeth Rouse now living in this County – That his said father was a pensioner of the United States under the act of ___ for services performed by him in the Revolution in the State of Virginia – That his said Father and Mother were married in Madison County Virginia in the year 1783 as he always has been informed, That his Oldest Sister Nancy Webster deceased was born about 1784 – His sister Lucy about 1786, That he has always been informed that there is a difference of six years between his own age & his sister Lucy's – He further states that there are eight children living of whom he is the 5th in age – That his Parents moved from Campbell County Kentucky and to Henderson County about the year 1817 – At which time he was a married man and had two children, and his sister Lucy had four children, two sons and two daughters (she having married her cousin of the same name) – Said Declarant further states that he was a Soldier in the war of 1812 against Great Britain as will appear by the muster rolls in his application for Bounty Land on this same date,

S/ James Rouse

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Rouse". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[attested July 2, 1852]

[Note: Other information in the file: the other children of the veteran and his wife named in the file in addition to those referred to by James rouse in his affidavit above are as follows: Elizabeth Starns, born 1796; Julia Smith, born 1798; Lewis Rouse, born May 1800; Francis Williamson, born September 1802; Robert G Rouse, born March 27, 1805; Mary Miller, born March 14, 1807; all of whom were living in 1852 in Henderson County Kentucky with the exception of Mrs. Francis Williamson, and Lewis Rouse, who were living in Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[Note: there is a 66 page file relating to the pension awarded this veteran by the State of Virginia, from which I've transcribed only the following. Most of the pages deal with the mechanics of

the veteran drawing his pension.]

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I do with the advice of Council, hereby certify that Lewis Rouse he Soldier wounded in the Action near Petersburg in the year 1781, is put on the list of Pensioners, with an allowance of eight pounds yearly, commencing the 20th day of the December 1792, according to law.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 17th day of December 1794

Saml. Coleman

S/ Robert Brooke

I do with advice of Council, hereby certify, that Lewis Rouse, a Soldier wounded in the action near Petersburg in the year 1781, is put on the list of Pensioners, with an allowance of eight pounds yearly, commencing the twentieth day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety two, according to law.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 17th day of December 1794.
Saml. Coleman.



[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Culpeper County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of Assembly. The petition of Lewis Rouse of the County of Culpeper humbly sheweth –

That your Petitioner in the year 1781 was called out in the Militia in the Service of his Country and being in action at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] he received a Musket Ball in his thigh which so disabled him that he is not able to procure a subsistence and therefore prays your Hon. Body will take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as in your Wisdom you may think proper and your petitioner shall ever pray &c

[Reverse]

The petition of Lewis Rouse
October 15 17 92
to Claims
reasonable
£8 for life
Reported 17th of October 92

Culpeper County to wit

This is to Certify that Lewis Rouse was a Soldier in the Militia from the County aforesaid and was wounded in the Action at Petersburg by a musket bawl [ball] through the thigh which disabled him in such a manner that he was not able to do the duty of a soldier anymore during the Tower [tour].

Certified by me this 25 day of September 1792 S/ A. Hite } then Major in [Abraham Hite]
the Same Red't [Regiment]
he was in

*Culpeper County to wit
This is to certify that Lewis Rouse was a Soldier
in the Militia from the County aforesaid and was wounded in the
Action at Petersburg by a musket bawl through the thigh
which disabled him in such a manner that he was not
able to do the duty of a Soldier anymore during the Tower
Certified by me this 25 day of Sept 1792
Abraham Hite Maj^r in
the Same Red't
he was in*

Culpeper to wit

This day Jacob Rouse & Georgia Rouse came before me and made oath that Lewis Rouse was a Soldier in the Militia from the County aforesaid and was wounded in the thigh while in Service in the Action at Petersburg in the spring 1781 and that they have heard the aforesaid Lewis say that he has not been well one day since he received the aforesaid Wound and that it appears to them that he is not able to do the necessary business of his Plantation as man in their Reasonable health do and he the said Lewis is in very low Circumstance. Given under my hand this 25th day of September 1792

S/ H. Hill

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Kentucky Counties Legislative Petitions

To the Speakers and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia the petition of Lewis Rouse respectfully represents

That your petitioner was in the year 1792 by law placed on the List of pensioners of the State of Virginia whereof he has been a resident which pension he has regularly received till the present year but having lately removed to the State of Kentucky the expense and trouble necessarily attendant on an application for his annual allowance constrain him to solicit the Legislature to take his case into consideration and to commute his pension from granting him a certain Some in lieu thereof and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

L. Rouse's Petition

To Claims

Referred December 19th, 1805

Reasonable

Reported December 24th 1805