

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Middleton S2847

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[Highland County Ohio]

Declaration

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

On this 28th day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Highland County in the State of Ohio John Middleton aged seventy 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 service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

The said applicant represents that he was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 24th day of April 1764 – has no record of his age – When called into service of the United States he lived in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia – that he lived in that County until 1813 when he moved to Highland County Ohio where he has ever since resided. That in the first tour of his service he volunteered & in all the rest he was drafted. Knew Generals Washington & Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] recollects no others. In the month of September 1777 said applicant volunteered in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain Thomas Buck at Woodstock in the State of Virginia – marched soon after he joined said company to Pittsburgh PA where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Gibson [could be either John or George Gibson] – remained in Petersburg about six weeks when he marched under the command of said officers to Wheeling Virginia where he remained until he served out his term of three months for which he volunteered when he received from his Captain a written discharge & returned home – our service in this tour was in protecting the frontiers of Pennsylvania & Virginia from the attacks of hostile Indians.

In the month of July A.D. 1778 he was drafted at Woodstock Virginia & served under Captain Darby Downey, marched to Falmouth soon after he was drafted where he remained several days – marched to Richmond Virginia where his company joined the Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonel __ Edmiston & then remained in Richmond until he had served out the term for which he was drafted – he then marched under the command of his said Captain to Woodstock & was by him discharged after serving three months.

In the month of March 1779 he was again drafted at Woodstock Virginia under Captain Jacob Penewit [Jacob Pennyweight]¹ – marched to Richmond Virginia soon after he was drafted

¹ The War Department read this man's name as "Jacob Prewit"—no such officer is listed among the Virginia militia or Continental Line, but an officer named Jacob Pennyweight is listed as an officer in the Shenandoah Virginia militia.

where his company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Stephens [probably Edward Stevens]. Remained at Richmond several weeks & that whilst there was sent out with 40 others as a scouting party – they took 7 British prisoners in the neighborhood of Richmond – After leaving Richmond he marched under the command of his said Captain to Woodstock where he received a written discharge from Captain Penewit after serving three months.

In September A.D. 1779 was again drafted at Woodstock for twelve months under Captain __ Frable [?]² & in the Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonel John Brown – After I was drafted I detected & took prisoners to American deserters & put them in prison at Woodstock. These prisoners was soon after released from jail by a man named Henry Aleshiter.³ Colonel Brown compelled this Aleshite to take my place in Captain Frable's company & serve out the whole tour in my place. Colonel Brown at the same time gave me a written discharge for twelve months service.

In September 1780 this applicant was again drafted in the Virginia militia at Woodstock in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Penewit – marched soon after he was drafted to Richmond where he remained about two weeks – he then marched to Sandy Point on James River he remained there & in the vicinity of that place several weeks when he marched under command of his said Captain to Woodstock & received a written discharge from Captain Penewit after serving three months –

He received written discharges after all his terms of service as above stated & in all they were for two years service in the revolutionary war – he further states that he destroyed his discharges supposing them to be of no value – among other old papers. No clergyman in my neighborhood. The said John Middleton further states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood – but that John Hatten, George Gale, John Roads, George Smith, Joseph Roads & many others his neighbors to whom he is well known can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. That from old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot now recall to mind the name of the Colonel to whose Regiment he was attached to at Richmond in the last tour above mentioned.

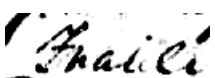
He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he could prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
State of Ohio Highland County

S/ John Middleton, X his mark

[John Roads, Philip Rhoad, Snr. and Amos Bennett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]

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³ Probably the same man as [Henry Aleshidt \(Aleshite\) S29579](#)