

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert F. Gale S31053

VA

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State of Kentucky

Franklin County Set

On this [blank] day of July 1833 personally appeared before James Shannon a Justice of the peace in & for said County, Robt F Gale a resident of Shelby County State of Kentucky aged 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832

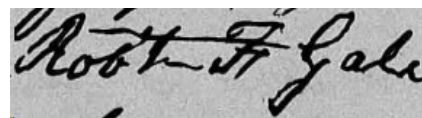
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of october 1781 this affiant came through the Wilderness from Orange County State of Va to Bryants Station in Ky. [sic: Bryan's Station at Lexington on North Fork Elkhorn Creek] that when he together with his fathers family came to said station he found it in a state of warfare with the Indians that on his arrival in Oct 1781, he was placed on the muster roll (altho young) that he immediately was called into actual service by draft, and was a private in Captain Robert Johnsons Company and served in s'd Company guarding and protecting and defending said fort, from oct 1781 untill 1785 that Capt Robt Johnson's Company belonged to Col. John Todds Rignent, who fell at the blue licks in august [19th] 1782, this affiant continued in actual service in said fort during all the time, except when he was out spying against the Indians under the command of said Johnson this affiant was not in the Blue lick defeat because he was one of the guards at the Station left by special order at the time. This affiant was very young but was able to bear arms in oct 1781 as above stated.

This affiant states that he has been a resident of Shelby County for a few years and states as a reason why he does not make his declaration in open court at Shelbyville is that he is now somewhat old that the times are sickly there with the Epademick, and it is a great distance from his home and that he fears danger in going there to attend.

He affiant states that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services that he knows of but one by whom he can prove his services, whose testimony he can not conveniently procure because of age & distance

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity but the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the United States
Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid



Where & in what year were you born.

I was born in Caroline County State of Va in the year 1769.

Have you any record of your age if so where is it. I have a record of my age which says I was born in April 3rd 1769

Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the revolution, and where do you now live.

When called into the Service I was at Bryants Station, Since that time I have lived in the Countys of Scott Woodford and I now live in Shelby County Ky.

I performed all the service I done under a draft.

I recollect no regulars that were with the troops during my time of Service my Servise having been performed in forts &c.

I received no discharges except verbal ones.

I state the names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood as follows Rich'd Radford Col Rich'd M Johnson Wm. H. Todd

NOTES:

On 17 Sep 1844 Robert F. Gale stated that after 15 years in Shelby County he and his family were moving to Missouri because “he & his family are desirous of living together – a portion of them having already removed to the said State of Missouri, and the remainder intend doing so.” A letter dated 29 June 1846 indicates that Robert F. Gale had moved back to Shelby County from Platte County MO.

On 16 March 1853 John W. Gale, heir of Robert F. Gale, assigned power of attorney to obtain further benefits, stating that Robert F. Gale died in Shelby County on 21 Dec 1848, leaving no widow. The power of attorney was witnessed by Ann Elizabeth Gale and Frances Avery.