

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ralston S31321

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct.

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County aforesaid now sitting John Ralston a resident of the Commonwealth and County aforesaid aged 77 years who being 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 7th 1832.

That in the spring of 1778 under a regulation that a certain number (not now recollected) of single men were to furnish a regular soldier to serve in the Army of the United States for twelve months; he was drafted from the County of Greenbrier in the State of Virginia and after being sworn in as regular soldier he joined the Continental Army at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and served with Ensign Boen, Lieutenant Breckenridge under Captain Andrew Wallace attached to the 12th Regiment commanded by Colonel Nevil [John Neville] of General Charles Scott's brigade of the Virginia line. When the British Army left Philadelphia, our Army then under the command of General Washington met the British and fought the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; after which we went to Brunswick where we had a day of rejoicing. We then went to White Plains in the State of New York. From thence we went to a place called Robinson's farm owned the Hudson River, below, and near to West Point; from thence to Middlebrook in New Jersey where we lay all winter. In the spring of 1779 his term of service having expired he received his discharge and went home. He remained in Virginia 4 or 5 years; he then came to Kentucky where he resided about 48 years. I John Ralston do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory whatever. He further states that he has lost his discharge; and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Ralston



[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.]