

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Rosser S31344

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State of Kentucky County of Garrard: Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Garrard now sitting Richard Rosser a resident of the County of Garrard, and State of Kentucky, aged 73 [last digit unclear could be 72 or 75 or perhaps some other number] – 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.

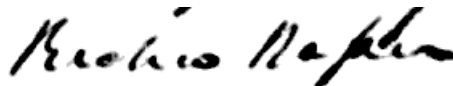
That he entered the service of the United States as volunteer in September 1777 under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he marched from Fauquier County in the State of Virginia under Major Martin Pikett [Martin Pickett?], Captain Benjamin Harrison – he arrived at Germantown on the day of the battle [October 4, 1777] and assisted in burying the dead the next day the troops were commanded on the day of battle by General Weeden [George Weedon], that he was a volunteer that he marched from the place of Rendezvoused through Leesburg Virginia through Maryland to Germantown from thence after the burial of the dead, he joined the main Army at White Marsh commanded by General Washington, he continued in this service four months and received his discharge which has been burned in the burning of his house. General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] General Scott [probably Brigadier General Charles Scott] and General Woodford [William Woodford] commanded Brigades Colonel Heath [probably Lieutenant Colonel William Heth] commanded a Regiment of regulars – Colonel Marshall [perhaps Thomas Marshall] commanded the Regiment to which this applicant was attached.

He also states that he served three months in the militia at the siege of York under Captain Alexander Scott Bullett afterwards transferred to Captain William Bailis [William Baylis or Bayles] & he was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Edmonds [Lieutenant Colonel William Edmonds] – that he was discharged after the siege and taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], having guarded the British prisoners to Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present – nor is he on the pension Roll of any State

S/ Richard Rosser



We John Kemper¹ & Thomas B Maddox citizens of Garrard County Certify – That we have

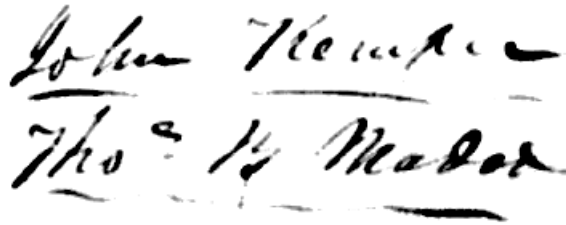
¹ FPA S13621

known Richard Rosser many years – and believe him to be about 76 years of age – And I the said John Kemper certify that I was a messmate with said Rosser in the first tour spoken of by him and know that he served said tour ~~of four months~~, that we were together day after the battle of Germantown & I Thomas B Maddox Certify that the said Richard Rosser marched as he states from my father's on the last tour of three months and I knew when he returned with the ~~troops~~ prisoners and believe he served as stated at York – And we do both certify that the said Richard Rosser is reputed and believed [indecipherable word] by all his acquaintances in his neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed by us in open Court.

S/ John Kemper

S/ Thos. B. Maddox



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is "John Kemper" and the second is "Thos. B. Maddox". Both signatures are written in dark ink and are underlined.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]