

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ralph Young S31507

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State of Kentucky Warren Circuit Sct.

On this 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Warren now sitting Ralph Young a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Lunenburg County Virginia. That he was drafted for 18 months under Captain Buckner Stith of Lunenburg that he was then 17 years old and cannot now remember the month nor even the year in which he entered the service. That he marched under Captain Stith from Lunenburg County to Camden Point a little town on the waters of James River and about 200 miles from Lunenburg County. That there Colonel David Manyweathers [David Meriweather?] took Command of his Company thence they marched to Norfolk thence they crossed James River at Jamestown and thence to Yorktown when they found General Washington's Army he states that they arrived at Yorktown 2 or 3 months before the surrender of Cornwallis and continued there until the surrender. He states that after the surrender he with his company marched with the prisoners to Fredericksburg his term of service 18 months being out at and in he received a written discharge from his Captain which he brought with him to Kentucky but which was unfortunately destroyed, he further states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. That he has no documentary evidence of the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/ Ralph Young, X his mark
[Jesse Moon, a clergyman, and William White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Warren District Sct.

On this 1st day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Warren Circuit Court now sitting Ralph Young who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his Declaration which has lately been returned from Washington for defects in the same. That he cannot procure any positive witnesses to his service. William Hay, Elijah Upton, Colonel John Porter, Allen Taylor, Richard LeMasters and Joseph Taylor are the persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the Revolution.

He states that his age was recorded in his father's Bible in Virginia but was not brought to this Country.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/ Ralph Young, X his mark

[Allen Taylor, Joseph Taylor and Richard LeMasters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

This day Nathan Nabors¹ & George Pearce Personally appeared before me Richard Card a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that they are both soldiers of the Revolution & are now drawing pensions. That they were both at the Siege of York & present at the Surrender of Cornwallis. The said Nabors makes oath that some few months before the surrender of said Cornwallis he saw Ralph Young the same person who is mentioned in a declaration for a pension (which is certified by [indecipherable word] Hobson Clerk on the 17th day of June 1833), in the service of the United States at York Town under the Command of Colonel David Meriwether (sometimes called by the old soldiers Menaweathers] & from much conversation with said Young & from the many small incidents which he has related to him he has no doubt but said Young served as he has stated in his declaration aforesaid & said George Pearce also made oath before me that from much conversation he has had with said Young of the incidents that happened before, during this Siege & after the surrender of Cornwallis, & which no man could know but one who was at said Siege & in the Army for some time before & also after the siege, he has no doubt and does verily believe that said Young served as he has stated in his declaration. And I do certify that said Nabors & Pearce all worthy of full credit when own oath – Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1833

S/ Richard Card, JPWC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA S35534