

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Riddle S31931

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Virginia Goochland County SS

On this 15 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, John Riddle a resident of the said County and State, aged seventy-two 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 in the militia of the State of Virginia was drafted from the County of Goochland and served a tour of one month in Captain Joe Leake's [Josiah Leak's?]¹ Company at the Albemarle Barracks in February 1779 as he thinks – that in the January following he was again drafted and served a tour of the same length from the same County in the company of Ted Curd [Edmund Curd], at the same place – that Colonels Lewis and Taylor [Francis Taylor] commanded, he sold the two-year troops and several companies of militia from the adjoining Counties – that at Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion he was again drafted and served a tour of three months from the same County under Gideon Hatcher – marched down to Richmond thence down the River, crossed over him to Smithfield and Isle of Wight counties, thence to Petersburg and from there discharged – was in no battle but saw at Charles City Court House smoke of a battle – at Richmond was attached to the Regiment of Charles Lewis – McGill [perhaps Charles Magill] & DeCloman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman] Majors, and served the tour in that Regiment, sol no regular troops but the state line, and militia – that soon after his return he was again drafted marched down in Captain Curd's Company but he returning, one Bob Bradshaw [Robert Bradshaw] took command, and he served a tour of six weeks in that Company from the same County again marched into the lower Counties crosses over the James River near Williamsburg and served on the South side of the River, and was discharged at Cabin Point – was in no battle but frequently heard the firing from the enemies shipping – sol no regulars – and recollects no militia nor the commander of the Regiment – that in the next summer he was again drafted from the same County – marched to Richmond and was put under a Captain from Hanover, name not recollected, and served 3 weeks, in that neighborhood as a guard, that Colonel Southall commanded the Regiment, and the only troops there – sol no regulars nor remembers any event of note – that he was always a private except the tour under Bradshaw when he was scornful – that he never had a written discharge and has no documentary evidence the only paper he ever has being the certificates of pay – that he was born and has ever lived on Licking hole Creek in Goochland and has no record

Joe Leake

of his age – that Bob Quinns and Elizabeth Drumright can testify to some part of his service and to the rest he can procure no testimony and refers to the Reverend Lewis Chaudoin and to George Woodson Payne Esquire for his character and the reputation of his having served – He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory –

To the 1st Question he answers In 1760 on the 11th day of October in Goochland on Licking hole Creek.

To the 2nd That he has none

To the 3rd On Licking hole Creek in the said County of Goochland

To the 4th That he was drafted –

To the 5th That Taylor and Lewis were with the troops – he remembers no Continental troops but does recollect the Virginia line and as to militia and for the rest the declaration is true.

To the 6th That he never received a discharge

To the 7th Lewis Chaudoin and George Woodson Payne

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Riddle



[Lewis Chaudoin , a clergyman, and George W Payne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Robert Mims² a resident of the said County, hereby certify, that I have long known the above named applicant, that he served several tours at the Albemarle Barracks he thinks under Captain Leake and Curd – that the Tories were generally of four weeks and also that said applicant was again in service on the occasion of Arnold's and Philips's [William Phillips 's] invasion and served the tours through –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ro Mims



Georgia Monroe County: On this 19th day of February 1838 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Monroe personally appeared John Riddle who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Gideon Hatcher in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Fleming in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Georgia where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future – The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to the State of Georgia to which, That he owned land in the State of Georgia that all his relatives nearly were residing in the State of Georgia and he believed he should be more healthy by doing so

S/ John Riddle

S/ Daniel Sanford, JP

² FPA S30590

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 3 days in the Virginia militia.]