

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Routon S31943

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[Note: The veteran made an earlier application dated July 30, 1833, but I have elected to transcribe the one set forth below because it is more thorough than the earlier application. There is no material difference in the description of services in one application versus the other.]

State of Georgia Fayette County: SS

On this 8th day of January 1834 personally appeared before Finlay G. Stewart one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Fayette, John Routon a resident of Fayette County and State of Georgia aged seventy-three 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered in Bedford County in the State of Virginia in the year 1776 under the command of Captain Charles Watkins in the latter part of that year, that he was marched to Boone's Fort now in the State of Kentucky under Colonel Boone Commanded, that he volunteered for a six months tour but was kept in service seven months.

That under the Command of Captain Robert Adams in the County of Bedford, State of Virginia he volunteered for a tour of three months in the year 1777 in the summer of that year and was marched to Cumberland County, Virginia, and again marched home to Bedford having been absent about one month, and was then kept in readiness, and were frequently assembled for the purpose of marching against the British troops who kept the Country in constant alarm and at the expiration of three months was discharge, having been prevented by his military duties from engaging in any Civil pursuit during that time.

That under the said Captain in the same County & State, towards the latter part of the summer of 1778 he volunteered for a tour of three months and was marched to Charlotte C. H. Va. [Charlotte Courthouse Virginia] and after being absent about one month, was again marched to Bedford and their stationed & kept in the kind of service described in the tour of the year before, and at the expiration of three months, & having been engaged in no civil pursuit during that time, was discharged.

That under the Command of Captain Jacob Moon & Lieutenant Benjamin Rice in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia he volunteered for a tour of three months in the year 1781 in the month of January of that year and under the command of Major John Callaway and ___ Charles Linch [Charles Lynch], and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army on Dan River and was marched to Guilford C. H. North Carolina & there had a Battle [March 15, 1781] in which he was and in which Captain Moon was killed and the command of the Company devolved upon Lieutenant Rice, about this time the tour of three months expired, but from

circumstances connected with the service induced Captain (formerly Lieutenant) Rice to detain his Company and on Deep River after being in the service four months was discharged by Captain Rice having been engaged in no civil pursuit whatever.

That in each term of service he was called to perform it was under authority of the State of Virginia and officers of said state.

That he was born in the state of Virginia in the year 1760 – that his age was recorded in his father's Bible, but he does not know whether it is in existence or not – that he lived in Bedford County State of Virginia when called into service, – That since the Revolutionary war he has resided in the State of Georgia, and now lives in the County of Fayette, State of Georgia – that except the last tour no other than verbal discharges were given – that he has lost the discharge given him by Captain Rice and that he now has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. – The Reverend William Haisten [?] and William Davis can testify to my character for veracity, theirs and the belief of the neighborhood of my revolutionary services.

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 the agency of any state.

S/ John Routon, X his mark

To the 1st interrogatory he answers

In the State of Virginia in the year 1760.

To the 2nd he answers

His age was recorded in his father's Bible but he does not know whether it is in existence or not.

To the 3rd he answers

In Bedford County State of Virginia – in the State of Georgia and now in Fayette County.

To the 4th he answers

By the officers of Virginia & that He volunteered

To the 5th he answers

General Greene, but refers to his declaration for the full answer to this interrogatory.

To the 6th he answers

That he received only one written discharge which was given him by Captain Rice – that at the expiration of his first term he was verbally discharged by Captain Charles Watkins at the expiration of his second he was verbally discharged in like manner by Captain Robert Adams – the third in like manner by Captain Adams – & his 4th as above stated by Captain Rice, which discharge he has lost.

To the 7th he answers

The Reverend William Haisten & William Davis

[William Haisten, a clergyman and William Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]

[f p. 22: the following note appears:

"On list of Rejected and Suspended Pensioners printed in 1852, page 314—appears Jane Ronton [sic] widow of John, resident of Fayette Co., Ga., Suspended for proof of service, Act. July 4, 1836." There is no application by Jane Routon in this file.]