

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Rundleman (Randleman) S31946

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State of Illinois and County of St. Clair

On this fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Theophilus H. Smith Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Clair County and State of Illinois, now sitting, Martin Randleman a resident of St. Clair County and State of Illinois aged 25th of December last 76 [last digit unclear could be 70] years, who being 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.

1st Tour That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- sometime in the year (as he thinks) 1779 General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke], Captain Lop [John Lopp of the Rowan County NC Regiment of militia] & Lieut. Fraser [?]¹ being his officers; that he resided in Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina; that he entered the service at the time above specified, as a substitute in the place of Martin Miller, that when General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was ordered to the South and when he came to South Carolina, General Rutherford with his troops joined him and Lincoln had the command of the whole -- that General Rutherford's men and General Lincoln's were alternately marching from the Two Sisters [ferry] on the Savannah [River] to Purrysburg on the same River, that the British might not know their positions -- that whilst he was in service, part of Rutherford's men crossed over to Briar Creek and were defeated by the British [March 3, 1779, Battle of Briar Creek]; that he continued in service for five months; that from the 10th November until the 10th of April, that he then received his discharge but has since lost it -- that he knows no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service at that time. The following is another tour

2nd Tour That some time after the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates] [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], when General Greene [Nathanael Greene] marched into South Carolina and was encamped at about five miles from Campden [sic, Camden] he was employed again as a wagoner for General Greene, that he was taken sick, and one of the regulars had taken his wagon, & that a short time after Greene's retreat to Rugeley's Mill, he applied for his wagon,

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but General Greene could not give her up. That he was there three months and never received a cent for his team –

The following is the third Tour

3rd And this deponent further states that sometime in the year 1780 whilst residing in Rowan County and State of North Carolina he volunteered under Captain John Randleman, in Col. Isaac's² Regiment and under the command of General Rutherford; that he marched into South Carolina and was in the battle when General Gates was defeated about eight miles from Camden South Carolina, and that he continued in service for three months and was discharged, and in consequence of the defeat of the Army the records of the Army were lost and the men never received any discharge -- he further states that General Rutherford was taken prisoner -- and for this term of service he produces Mr. Peter Meisenheimer's³ Certificate to show that the above statement relative to his three months tour is correct --

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.

And he further states that he was born in Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina, and that he has no record of his age, and that he moved from North Carolina into this State where he now resides.

S/ Martin Randleman, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Hay, Clerk

[Thomas Harrison, a clergyman, and Daniel Stooker [or Stockey] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois Union County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Peter Meisenheimer an old and respectable Citizen of Union County in State of Illinois and upon his oath says he was personally acquainted with Martin Rentleman [sic] a Brother soldier in the old Revolution war and he was called out into the service of the United States a Militia Soldier of Roan [Rowan] County State of North Carolina in the year of our Lord 1780 for a three months tour as militia or State troops of North Carolina under the following officers to with the said Martin Rentleman was under Captain John Rentleman of the aforesaid County of Rowan and State of North Carolina and General Rutherford and during our said term of service we were in the Battle where General Gates was defeated about eight miles from Camden in South Carolina and the said Martin Rentleman continued in the said service until discharged by his said officers which term of service was three months.

Sworn to before made this 25th day of August 1832 and subscribed by said witness

S/ Peter Meissenheirmer, X his mark

S/ John Whiteaker, JP

[p 15: On December 26th 1837 in Washington County Arkansas, Martin Rundleman applied for a transfer of his pension benefit stating that he is the same man who served under Captain Lopp in

² This MIGHT be an attempt by the veteran to name Col. Elijah Isaacs of the Wilkes County Regiment of NC militia who was detached by Gates to serve under Thomas Sumter. Isaacs was with Sumter at the Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780.

³ [Peter Meisenheimer S32408](#)

the Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke in the North Carolina militia enrolled on the pension list of the State of Illinois giving as his reasons for moving the following

1. His sons had recently moved to the South West section of Missouri
2. Veteran and his wife believe they will be less subject to sickness in Arkansas than in Illinois
3. He and his wife wish to avail themselves of the assistance and society of their son-in-law David Reece and his wife, their daughter more particularly because his wife is nearly helpless from old age and sickness and he, David Reese lives in Washington County Arkansas. He sign this document with his mark. pp 16 & 17, The application for a transfer was supported by affidavits dated 10th May 1838 filed in Polk County Missouri by Michael Randleman and Martin Rundleman, relationship to the veteran, if any, not stated.



Martin Rundleman signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]