

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Rayburn S32463

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Sangamon County Illinois

On this 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court for the County of Sangamon now sitting Robert Rayburn a resident of Sangamon County State of Illinois aged seventy-one years and ten months 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.

I was born on the 23rd of October in the year 1761 in the County of Augusta State of Virginia where I resided when I was called into the service. I have no record of my age but have given the above account of it from knowledge and recollection of the record kept by my father which I well remember.

In the year 1783 I left Augusta County Virginia where I had resided until that time and removed to Kentucky and settled in the County of Lincoln in that State. I resided in Lincoln County Kentucky until the year 1804 or 1805, I could not be certain which, and removed into Cumberland County in the same State where I resided until the year 1815 when I removed into Adair County Kentucky where I resided until the year 1831. At which time I removed from the County of Adair Kentucky to the County of Sangamon State of Illinois where I have ever since and still reside.

On the 10th of April in the year 1777 or 1778 I was enlisted by draft as a Private in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain William Kinkaid [William Kincaid] Lieutenant Robert Campbell Ensign Samuel Steel. This Company was divided into three divisions and placed in garrison in the different forts in the State of Virginia. I belonged to the division of said Company that was commanded by the Lieutenant and was stationed at Fort Nutter [?]¹ on the West fork of Monongahela [River] where I remained on garrison duty except when sent out on scouting parties until the 1st of July next ensuing after my enlistment when I was discharged, after being marched back to Augusta County having served two months and one half. I received a Discharge from the Captain at this time which I have lost. There were no Regular or Continental Officers with the troops to which I belonged. My Company was never attached to any Regiment. My discharge was signed by the Captain having served 2 1/2 months.

On the 10th of January in the year 1781 still residing in Augusta I again enlisted as a substitute in the room of one John Jasper as a private in a company of Militia commanded by John Givens Captain George Givens Lieutenant. Before [indecipherable word] term of this service had expired, this Company was divided into two companies, Captain Charles Cameron

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was the Captain of the Company formed out of part of Captain Givens'. After this division of the Company I belonged to the company commanded by Captain Cameron the Lieutenant and Ensign not remembered. The Regiment to which both of the Companies of Givens & Cameron belonged was commanded by Colonel Sampson Mathews other officers of the Regiment not remembered – This Regiment was stationed at a place which we called Camp Carson about 25 miles West of Portsmouth, I remained in Camp nearly all the time watching the British troops who were commanded by Arnold [Benedict Arnold] then stationed at Portsmouth and [indecipherable word or words] his depredations [2 or more indecipherable words] our Regiment and detachment from it frequently had skirmishes with the British in two of which I was engaged. One on the 17th the other on the 19th of March 1781 near Portsmouth. Colonel Mathews' Regiment was not attached to any Brigade, nor was it commanded by any Regular or Continental Officers: Generals Lafayette & Morgan once visited us at our Camp. I remained in this service until the 18th of April 1781 – when I was marched to Richmond and there discharged. I received a discharge which I have lost signed by my Captains.

On the 15th of July 1781 I was drafted a third time as a private either in Thomas Rankin's, or __ Dickey's [probably John Dickey] company which I cannot remember, and belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Boyers [probably William Bowyer]. I was drafted this time at Augusta. From this we were marched to Charlottesville the place of rendezvous – I would not be positive that Charlottesville was the place of rendezvous but I think it was. At the place of rendezvous we were joined by General Wayne with his regulars who had the Command. From Charlottesville we marched and were sometimes in pursuit of and sometimes pursued by the enemy until at length we came in contact with and fought the enemy at James Town, where we were defeated– General Wayne commanded at this battle. The British were commanded by Cornwallis. After the battle Cornwallis marched towards York. Wayne I think joined shortly after the Army of General Washington. A few days after the battle Boyers Regiment was discharged. I received my discharge 15th of September when Boyers Regiment was discharged. I was with Wayne ever since he took the command of Boyers Regiment and staid till the Regiment was discharged – I was in the battle of James Town – I have lost my discharge.

I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor do I know of any person whose evidence I can procure who can testify to my service. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the roll of the agency of any State. Thomas Hargass a clergyman and Stephen Stone are well acquainted with me and can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year above stated.

S/ Robert Rayburn

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Rayburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Robert Rayburn".

[Thomas Hargass, a clergyman, and Stephen Stone gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]