

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rasner¹ S35607

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State of Kentucky

John Rasner states that about the commencement of the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the service of his country as a private soldier in a Regiment under the command of Colonel Nevill [probably John Neville] in which service he remained 3 or 4 years. Afterwards he was under the command of General Greene for a considerable time in the South also as a private soldier. He was also at the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town. He states that he served in all 6 or 7 years & was at the expiration of the war regularly & honorably discharged & that his discharge signed by Captain Cooper is now lost. He further states that from age & infirmity & the distressed state of his property amounting almost to nothing he stands in need of the aid of his government for support. He lives in Barren County Kentucky.

S/ John Rasner

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Rasner". The signature is written on a light-colored, textured background.

State of Kentucky Monroe County Court Sct. November Term 1820

John Rasner personally appeared in Court on this the 6th day of November 1820 to wit in the Monroe County Court being a Court of Record for the County of Monroe in the State aforesaid and made such by an act of Assembly establishing County Courts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky aged seventy-two years on the 31st January 1821 resident in said County of Monroe lately established out of parts of the Counties of Barron and Cumberland who being first duly sworn according to law declared that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit That he enlisted in Captain [paper damaged and name illegible] Company in Colonel Novilles [Neville's] Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment for and during the War he does not recollect the year he enlisted; but it was at the Commencement of the War or near it, for he was at the Battle of Bunkers Hill [Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775] , at Boston, he afterwards fault at the Battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Monmouth Courthouse [June 28, 1778]; Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] & the taking of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] at York [October 19, 1781] for further particulars he refers to his original application for a Pension sworn to before Christopher Tompkins, Judge, on the 20th of September 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent

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thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. My Occupation is that of a Shoemaker, but I am only able to make Coarse shoes and from age and infirmities cannot do much work, My family consists of my Wife Kaby Rasner [could be Katy Rasner]² aged about 57 years my son John Rasner 23 years of age my Daughter Sally Rasner 26 years old.

I own the following Property & no other to wit
Schedule

Bay Mare 16 years old
Sow & pigs
One Axe

A little household & kitchen furniture which is all my property except necessary clothing & bedding.

S/ John Rasner

Subscribed and sworn to in Open Court and admitted to record

Teste: S/ Wm Butler, Clerk [The court valued the schedule of property at \$39.50.]

[f p. 4: letter dated August 16, 1855 sent from Monroe County Tompkinsville Kentucky from John Rasner to the Commissioner of pensions requesting a copy of his father's pension application and signing his name as the only surviving heir.

John Rasner Jr
The only surviving heir]

[Fact in file: Veteran died February 24, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 20, 1819, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Katy Rasner