

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Redinhour S38329

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Pendleton County: Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Pendleton, now sitting, John Redinhour a resident of said County of Pendleton and State of Kentucky, aged seventy-five years the 27th day of next October who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year \_\_ with Captain Bell and served in the 5th Regiment of the Line under the following named Officers – he entered as above stated with Captain Bell (he does not now positively recollect with which he entered Thomas Bell or Samuel, as one was the Captain & the other the Lieutenant) for three years in Staunton, Augusta County & State of Virginia; he does not recollect what month or year he entered as he has lost his discharge – nor neither does he recollect at what time he was discharged as it has been so long since, he enlisted, as stated at Staunton in Virginia – And was marched from thence to Hillsboro in North Carolina. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel \_\_ Bluford [perhaps Abraham Buford], who joined General Greene's Army in North Carolina and marched from thence to Guilford Court house: he was in the battles of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] & Jamestown – He received his discharge at Petersburg in the State of Virginia. He does not recollect the different Counties he marched through as he was quite young; that he has no doubt but his name will be found enrolled on the list of the regular Army or State Troops of Virginia as he is not positive in which he enlisted. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Redinhour

State of Kentucky Pendleton County: Sct.

Personally appeared before me John Forsythe a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Joseph Redinhour of the County of Lewis & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years, after being first duly sworn deposed & saith that he is the Brother of the within claimant John Redinhour who was a revolutionary soldier that he well recollects that his brother enlisted under Captain Samuel Bell in the Army of the United States for three years, that he enlisted in Staunton Augusta County Virginia but in what year or month he cannot recollect. He well recollects that it was owing to his Father's harsh treatment towards him that caused him to enlist, as well as his Brother George who also enlisted in the service in consequence of his father's harsh treatment to him, his Brother George was killed at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. After the

Enlistment of the within named John Redinhour, he was marched to the South & was gone three years or upwards before he returned home, during which time he was in the Army & always understood he received an honorable discharge for his services. He further states that his Father was anxious to get him off from his engagement After he had enlisted on the ground of his age, but in consequence of the determination of said John to leave his Father & continue in the Army he was suffered so to do, his Officers aided in hiding & concealing him, he well recollects his Father made a great fuss about the matter – He also states that he did not know his Brother was alive, nor where he lived, not having heard anything of him for thirty years, until sometime in the month of January or February last, & he then heard by mere accident he lived in Pendleton County & State of Kentucky. He then immediately rote [wrote] to him & now [several words written through and illegible] he had heard from him & requested him to write to him which he did, & some short time ago came to see him, He states he now returns the visit for the purpose of seeing him & family for the first time for thirty-six years & also for the purpose of proving his services in the Revolutionary War. & Further this deponent sayeth not.

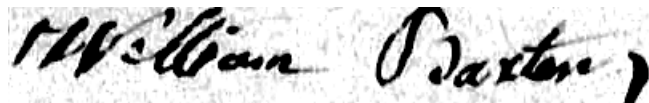
S/ Joseph Redinhour, X his mark

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State of Missouri County of Marion: Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 31st day of March in the year of our Lord 1838 personally came William Baxter<sup>1</sup> late of Harrison County Kentucky and made oath before me a Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Marion and says that he is now about 86 years of age and that he was in the Revolutionary War and joined in the service under a Captain William Payne at Fredericksburg Virginia and during his service in the Army he became acquainted with John Ridenour [sic] who was then in the service of the United States to the best of his belief with the Regular Service but he does not know how long he was in the service or to what Regiment he belonged and believes that he lived near to Stanton in Virginia that he so understood at that time.

S/ William Baxter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Baxter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of Kentucky Pendleton County Solicit

Personally appeared before me George Smith and made oath that he was acquainted with John Redinhour now of Pendleton County Kentucky and was with him at the Battle of Guilford & messed with him I was also with him at Stanton Virginia Augusta County I joined the Army Blaton [sic?] County by North Carolina I was with said Redinhour about 10 or 12 months after the Battle after which time I knew nothing more of him until the winter of 1838 when Traveling through Pendleton in hearing of his name I sent for him and found him to be the same man I served with in the Revolution War.

I Thomas L Garrard one of the acting Justices of the peace for Pendleton County do certify that the above affidavit was sworn to before made by George Smith on the 12 June 1838

S/ Thos. L. Garrard, JP

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [William Baxter S6591](#)

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Pension Office April 5, 1849

Sir

In answer to your letter respecting John Redinhour, I have to state that the honorable J. P. Gaines was informed on the 23rd May last, that Redinhour had no claim whatever to a pension. His alleged service in the Virginia line is discredited by the Muster and Pay rolls of the Regiment to which he states that he was attached, and his name is not found upon any pay or Muster roll of that line, or upon the list of those who received depreciation Certificates.

[sent to

Wm Trimble, Esq.  
Cynthiana, Ky

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House of Representatives July 10th 1856

Sir

John Redinhour (now deceased) late of Pendleton County Kentucky, a soldier of the Revolution applied for and obtained a certificate of pension under the Act of 1832. Sometime after he obtained the certificate a prosecution was commenced against him in the United States Kentucky District Court upon the charge of his having sworn falsely in the statements made in his declaration to obtain a pension. After the prosecution was commenced, and before the trial, Mr. Redinhour's pension was suspended. Mr. Redinhour was tried upon the charge and acquitted, which appears from a copy of the record of the proceedings filed with his papers in your office.

Mr. Redinhour died about the year 1844 without having been restored to his pension. Application has been made by some of his children to have his name restored to the pension roll, and for the pension to which he was entitled, and which was withheld from him. I have carefully examined the papers and proof in the case, and feel satisfied that great injustice was done Mr. Redinhour, and that his name, for the sake of his respectable family, ought to be relieved from the [indecipherable word] which attaches to it by reason of the groundless charge made against him for which he was tried and acquitted, but which is still, by implication at least, endorsed by your Department in continuing to order suspending the pension. I request of you own by half of the children of Mr. Redinhour who are my constituents, to examine the case and restore them to their just rights in the matter of their Father's pension. It is proper for me to say that I have not the remotest interest in the matter, but desire to have justice done to the children of a deeply wrong soldier who as he is conclusively proved, faithfully served his country in the Revolution.

Most respectfully

Saml. F. Swope [Samuel Franklin Swope]<sup>2</sup>

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SWOPE, Samuel Franklin, (1809 - 1865)

SWOPE, Samuel Franklin, a Representative from Kentucky; born in Bourbon County, Ky., March 1, 1809; attended the rural schools of Bourbon and Scott Counties and the Georgetown (Ky.) College; studied law; was admitted to the bar March 1, 1830, and commenced practice in Georgetown, Ky.; moved to Falmouth, Pendleton County, Ky., in 1832 and continued the practice of law; member of the State house of representatives 1837-1839 and in 1841; served in the State senate 1844-1848; elected as a candidate of the American Party to the Thirty-fourth Congress (March 4, 1855-March 3, 1857); was not a candidate for renomination in 1856; affiliated with the Republican Party in 1856;

[f pp. 86-92: the court records relating to the trial and acquittal of the veteran]

[Note: the veteran's name was never restored to the pension list, the Secretary of the Interior having personally reviewed the file in 1856 decided there were not grounds sufficient to reverse the decision to suspend the pension for lack of proof of service as claimed, the veteran's name not appearing on the muster or pay rolls of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His pension was suspended and never reinstated.]