

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Rutherford S38341

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State of Ohio } SS

Champaign County }

Personally appeared before me Alex'r McBeth of Urbana Township one of the associate Judges of this court of common pleas of the County of Champaign in the State of Ohio Robert Rutherford who upon his Solemn oath according law deposeth & saith that he is at present in reduced circumstances of life and That He did faithfully serve in the capacity of a private soldier eighteen months at one period of the American revolutionary War That He the said Robert Rutherford did in the County of Shanandoa [sic: Shenandoah] in the State of Virginia in the month of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty enlist as a private soldier in Capt Andrew Wallace's company for and during the term of eighteen months, and the af'd Robert Rutherford further saith that He marched under the command of the af'd. Capt Andrew Wallace through north and South Carolinas That the af'd company belonged to the Eighth regiment commanded by Colo Bluford [see endnote] in the Virginia line and the af'd Robert Rutherford further saith That He remained faithfully to serve in the af'd company and regiment until the af'd Capt Andrew Wallace was killed at the Battle of Guilford in north Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and the af'd Robert Rutherford further saith that He was then ordered by Major Mazard [sic: John Mazarett] to drive a Baggage Waggon & that He remained faithfully in the United States Service in driving said Team until the expiration of the American revolutionary war and the af'd Robert Rutherford further saith that shortly before the expiration of the af'd war He had been ordered by the af'd Major Mazard to drive the baggage belonging to the af'd Major Mazard to Mazards residence in Leads Town [sic: Leedstown] in the state of Virginia. That Major Mazard granted the af'd Robert Rutherford a short furlough to go home and that before the expiration of said furlough the american revolutionary war had expired that He did not return in order to receive his discharge That He gave his furlough to one Zara Delena in order to recover pay for his services af'd That He has never since seen nor heard of the af'd Zeke Delena That He never did receive any pay for his services af'd and the af'd Robert Rutherford further saith He is a resident of the Township of German in the county of Clark and State of Ohio and is fifty six years of age and from his present indigent circumstances in life needs the assistance of his country for support

Robert hisXmark Rutherford

Sworn & subscribed before me the 2nd of July A.D. 1818

I Alex'r McBeth associate Judge as af'd do hereby certify That I have been acquainted with the above named Robert Rutherford several years past and do believe the the foregoing deposition to be correct and true and in consequence of a wound which He had received from an Horse he is rendered unable to perform a sufficient portion of manual labour for the support of himself and family and from his present indigent circumstances in life I do believe him to be justly entitled to the benefit of the act of Congress, [illegible word], The act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war approved march 18th 1818, and do herewith transmit the proceedings had thereon to the Honourable the Secretary of War

[22 Jul 1822]

A Schedule of all the property personal & Real together with all incomes, rents & profits of Robert Rutherford late a private in the army of the revolution, who has been inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Ohio agency on the 23^d day of April 1819.

No land

3 head of Horses.

5 Cows.
 4 Yearlings
 5 two year old Cattle.
 3 head of Hogs
 150 Bushels of Salt.

I owe Christian Keezer \$96.00
 " W Bostwick 70.
 " S Short 45.
 " F Buhring 4.
 \$215.00

Robt. hisXmark Rutherford

Virginia

At a Superior Court of Law held for Cabell County on the 14th day of September 1824.

Robert Rutherford this day present in court a written declaration and schedule to each of which he made oath, which is in the words and figures following towit.

"Virginia Cabell County towit. On this 14th day of September 1824 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for the fifteenth Judicial circuit and for the said county of Cabell, Robert Rutherford resident in said county, aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provission made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the first of May 1820, that he the said Robert Rutherford enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the — day of October 1780 in Augusta County & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Andrew Wallace in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Beuford in the line of the state of virginia, on the virginia continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the — day of — 1782 in the State of virginia, that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropt therefrom on account of his property. "And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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

A schedule of the property necessary cloathing and bedding excepted owned by Robert Rutherford an applicant to be reinstated on the pension list Sept'r. 1824.

Two Cows valued at. \$15.00
 Two yearling Cattle & one Calf. 8.00
 3 head of sheep. 3.00
 7 head of Hogs. 3.50
 1 Stew Kettle 1 dutch oven 1 skillet. . 3.00
 \$34.00 {error in addition}

Robert hisXmark Rutherford

The said Robert Rutherford is in his sixty third year of his age – by profession a farmer and from the infirmity of age illy able to labour no other family except his wife who is in her sixty seventh year of her age.

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property.

Property	to whom sold	Time of sale	amount of money or other property received in return.
Two Horses	1 to Ch. Keezer 1 Tho. Cyrus	in 1823 in 1824	for the sum of \$50 in discharge of a Debt due him previously.
150 bushels salt	to Levi Shortridge & others	in 1823 & in 1824	debt due him. at the average price of 50 per Bushel in discharge of Debts.
3 cows 2 calves 5 yearlings	John Ferguson & others	1824	about \$30 to sundry creditors for Debts.

NOTES:

“Col. Bluford” evidently refers to Abraham Buford. The 8th Virginia Regiment was actually commanded by Col. James Wood.

A note on the pension certificate reads, “Died March 16, 1851.”