

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Roxbury S39057

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On this 17th day of August 1818 before the worshipful County Court of Fairfax personally appeared Reuben Roxbury aged fifty-eight years resident in the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Reuben Roxbury enlisted in the said County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia on the 18th day of February 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Robert Powell of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth]. That he continued to serve in the said Corps and in the service of the United States until the 12th day of May (as he believes) in the year 1780 when he was taken prisoner at Charleston, where he was kept in close prison on board a ship ten months & twenty days at the end of which time he was forcibly taken on board a British ship of war and [indecipherable word]¹ for England, but on the passage was taken by a French Privateer and carried into Dunkirk, and after a variety of suffering and hardships through the assistance of Doctor Franklin [Benjamin Franklin] he obtained a passage to the United States where he arrived on the 18th day of August 1784, at the port of Philadelphia – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services – Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Roxbury, X his mark

Virginia Fairfax County to wit

James Hunt² aged upwards of 68 years personally appeared before me Thomas Moss a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and being first duly sworn deposeth and saith, that Reuben Ruxbury [sic, Roxbury] who wishes to obtain a pension from the United States under a late act of Congress was delivered over at Dumfries in Virginia by Captain Robert Powell (whom this Deponent understood enlisted him) to the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Buckner of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath, That the said Ruxbury was in the same mess with this deponent for upwards of seventeen months, that the said Ruxbury served as a faithful soldier until the ___ day of May 1780 when he together with this deponent and others were taken prisoners at the Battle of Charles Town [Charleston] South



¹ [sent?]

² Probably the same man as James Hunt FPS S38062

Carolina, that this deponent made his escape from Charles Town on the 10th of June 1780, and left the said Ruxbury there as prisoner in Confinement.

S/ James Hunt, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June 1819

S/ Thos. Moss

The Commonwealth of Virginia Fairfax County to wit:

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court before a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax Reuben Roxbury aged fifty-seven years resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz., He enlisted in Fairfax County state of Virginia on the 18th day of February 1779 by Captain John Jackson for three years and was returned to Captain Robert Powell at Alexandria and was marched to Petersburg and there returned to Captain Richard Buckner and joined the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath and in the course of the summer was marched to Charles Town South Carolina and on the 12th of May 1780 was taken prisoner by General Clinton and confined in Jail ten months and twenty days all of which will more fully appear by his declaration of record on the Department of war bearing date the 17th day of August 1818 together with the affidavit of James Hunt [sic] filed there with whereupon he received a Certificate of pension bearing date the 7th day of July 1819 and numbered 13412 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 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. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade but tend a small farm which from my advanced age I am but little able to pursue, that I have a wife 57 years [of] age and very infirm, one daughter 20 years of age and a grand daughter 6 years old.

S/ Reuben Roxbury, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the day & year above written.

S/ Wm Moss, Clk

A schedule of the property goods and effects of the above named Reuben Roxbury by him subscribed & delivered in open Court on making the above declaration viz.

1 cupboard	\$5
1 chest	2.50
1 tub	4
one do	7
six Chairs	6
2 do	1
1 arm do	1.50
2 split bottomed do	1
an old spade	.50
one mattox	1.50
one narrow axe	1

three fish barrels	1.50
three flour do	.75
one lurge [?]	.75
pots, ovens, tea kettle, pot hooks & garden hoe	5.00
one small looking glass	1
2 small pigs	1.50
a small quantity of rye 20	<u>10.00</u>
	\$51.50

S/ Reuben Roxbury, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 17, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]