

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rankin S40313

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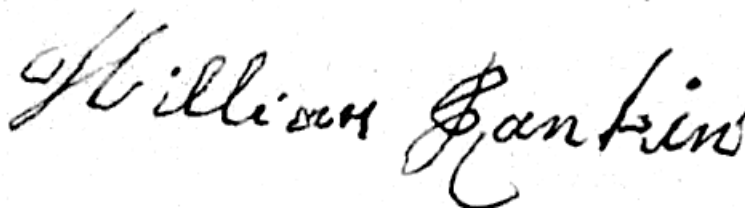
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State of Ohio Fayette County: SS

On this 1st day of April 1820 before me the Subscriber one of the associate Judges for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared William Rankin aged seventy-two years Resident of the County of Fayette and State of Ohio who being by me 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 & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – the said William Rankin Enlisted sometime in September 1776 in an independent Company commanded by Captain Henry Heath [Henry Heth] on Continental establishment and was assigned to the 13th Virginia Regiment & commanded by Colonel Gibson and served in said Company & Regiment the period of three years the period of his Enlistment when he was discharged at Pittsburgh and that he was in Colonel McIntosh's Expedition against the Indians & in several other Expeditions against the Indians in the Western Country and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written –

S/ William Rankin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Rankin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.

District of Ohio SS

On this 6th day of May in the year A.D. 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Fayette and State of Ohio William Rankin aged seventy-five years residing in the said County of Fayette in said district who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, in and Independent Company commanded by Colonel Henry Heath & was arranged to the 13th Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment (said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Gibson) for the term of three years, to which, entered sometime in September 1776 & served for three years the term of his enlistment. The date of his original declaration is on the 1st day of April 1820 and the number of his certificate is 16,945. He also declares as follows to wit. 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, to wit, two ten gallon bottles one pot and one skillet one spinning wheel and a few little things on the shelf used to eat with not all worth more than \$20. He also saith he is a farmer by occupation and that he is not able to earn 10 cents per day, and that his wife is by the name of Susanna Rankin & not able to do but little for a living and one son by the name of Sennet 21 years.

S/ William Rankin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 6, 1823, for service as a private for three years in the Virginia Continental line.]