

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard [Lanar] Rager [Ragar] S40315

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The State of Ohio Butler County: SS:

On this twentieth day of August in the year 1818 before may Henry Weaver one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Butler personally appears Leonard Rager aged seventy-two years, resident in Lemon Township in the said County of Butler, who being by May 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may 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 the said Leonard Rager enlisted in Shepherdstown in Barclay [Berkeley] County Virginia in the County commanded by Captain Dark sometime in the fall of 1775 for the term of 2 years, in the spring of 1776 the Company joined the 8th Virginia Regiment State Troops at Suffolk Commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], this Deponent further saith that shortly after the Company joined the Regiment they were marched to the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia and returned to Virginia sometime in December 1776 and took winter quarters at Fredericksburg. This Deponent further states that he continued in the said Company and Regiment a Sargent [Sergeant] until early in the spring of 1778 when he was discharged at Valley Forge having served longer than he enlisted for, that he was in a number of skirmishes this deponent further on his oath saith 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 said services. Sworn to and declared and subscribed before made the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Weaver

S/ Lanar Ragar



[Bethuel Potter gave testimony that he has known the applicant for a number of years and knows that he is crippled and in reduced circumstances.]

The State of Ohio Butler County SS

At a court of Common Pleas holden at Hamilton in the County of Butler aforesaid on the 4th day of September 1820 before the Honorable Joshua Collett Esquire President and his Associate Judges of the said court the same court of common pleas being a court of Record expressly created a court of Record by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio with

Jurisdiction unlimited in civil causes and with power to fine and imprison personally appeared in open court Leonard Rager aged seventy-three years resident in Lemon Township in the said County of Butler who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, I enlisted at Shepherdstown in the State of Virginia in the year 17__ on the Continental establishment for the term of one year in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg in the company commanded by Captain Darke being the 8th Regiment in the Virginia line. After the expiration of the term of my enlistment I was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. My Original declaration for a pension was made on or about the 20th day of August 1818 my pension certificate is numbered 10,188

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 cows one calf four sheep and ten gallon kettle two pots one oven one table two pewter dishes six pewter plates one pewter basin three tin cups, three earthen dishes, one brass tea kettle, one tin coffee pot half dozen old knives and forks one Iron Trammell four old barrels and one hatchet and one Salver [?]- My family consists of myself & wife who is aged seventy years & two grandchildren to wit Daniel Bowser & Jonathan Potter and a Bound a boy whose name is John Hartsock aged thirteen years, Daniel Bowser aged eleven years and Jonathan Potter aged one year neither of whom are able to support themselves – my occupation is that of a farmer but from age and infirmity am not able to pursue it.

Sworn to & declared in open Court on the aforesaid 4th day of September 1820

S/ Leonard Rager, X his mark

[Facts in file: veteran died April 20, 1833 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana; veteran married October 25, 1781 Catharine Hays; his wife died October 1, 1831; the veteran and his wife had a son named Burket Rager born January 18, 1783 and in 1856 lived in Jefferson County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 20, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]