

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lemuel Rucker S40372

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5 District of the State of Ohio SS

On this 7 Day of January 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said District personally appeared Lemuel Rucker aged 66 years Resident in Monroe County in the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions 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 Lemuel Rucker enlisted in the month of January or February 1776 for the term of 2 years in the company commanded by Captain George Slaughter in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded [by] Colonel Mullingburg [Peter Muhlenberg] where he continued to serve 2 years and was legally Discharged by General Scott at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania – and was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and 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 before me the day and year above written.

[Attested by Levin Okey, Judge]

State of Ohio Monroe County SS: On the 17th day of February 1829 Personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record of Monroe County & State of Ohio aforesaid Lemuel Rucker of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-six years 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 acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820, that he the said Lemuel Rucker enlisted for the Term of two years in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain George Slaughter (or Slatter) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mucklenburgh [Muhlenberg] being the 8th Virginia Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the year 1778 when he was discharged from the Service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania that his name has been placed on the Pension list roll and dropped on account of his property.

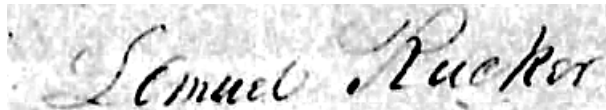
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to 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 – Eighty acres of improved Land, worth about \$150. Two horses worth \$100 – two cows worth \$18, two 2-year old heifers worth \$18, two calves worth \$6, three sheep worth \$3, one corner cupboard worth \$10, one table worth \$2, one plow worth \$3, one bond drawn by a certain William Heddleston payable to me for the sum of \$33 and due on the 1st of March next amounting in all to \$336. In the year 1820 when the Pensioners was required to forward the Secretary of War a Schedule of his property this applicant had two of his sons being with him who enabled him to live without the aid of his country through their assistance and he did not think proper to forward his Schedule especially as he understood that a small amount of property would exclude him from his pension therefore he continued himself with \$16 the whole amount (as he now believes) of the pension drawn by him. His Certificate being dated the 30th May 1820 certifying the commencement of his Pension to be on the 7th of January 1820. That since that time his sons have left him and infirmities have visited him and old age has rendered him unable to labor for his own support. He is now residing with one of his sons and his wife [his family] consists of his aged wife (64 years old) like himself unable to labor all the rest of his children having married and left their parents, That his occupation has been that of a farmer until about three years past when his age and infirmities ready him unable to pursue it.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court February 17, 1839

S/ Robert F Taylor, Clerk

S/ Lemuel Rucker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Rucker". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or textured.

[Note: The veteran's claim was rejected because his scheduled property exceeded \$300 in value. He later filed an explanation of the changes in his property since 1818 but since it did not give any additional information regarding either his military service or his family, I chose not to transcribe it.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing January 7, 1820, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]