

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Rickabaugh S4120

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The State of Ohio Gallia County: SS

On this 25th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for Gallia County aforesaid now sitting being a Court of Record Adam Rickabaugh a resident of Raccoon Township Gallia County aforesaid aged seventy-one years the third day of January 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 –

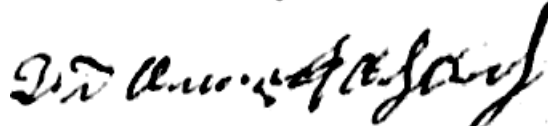
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers namely that on or about the 1st of February 1777 he the said Adam Rickabaugh was drafted in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia for three months and was mustered in a company commanded by Captain John Sehon [John Sehorn?¹], Lieutenant Obroy Keener, Ensign Isaac Gose and were attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Brown and the company after being mustered was ordered to Frederick County Virginia to guard the British prisoners taken at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] he served out the three months and was discharged by Colonel Brown which discharge is lost by time and accident, he a very short time after he was discharged as aforesaid a call was made by the Country for volunteers to guard the British prisoners to Philadelphia to be sent from thence to New York, for exchange, by water the Company was commanded by Captain Reynolds the company volunteered for three months and served out the Tour and on his return home was discharged by Colonel Brown which discharge is lost by time and accident. – Sometime in the fall of 1778 volunteers were called for and he volunteered under Captain Michael Reeder [perhaps Michael Reader] the name of the Lieutenant and Ensign by reason of great length of time that has passed since are not remembered, to dislodge a body of about 300 or 350 Tories at that time collected in Capon Mountain in the State of Virginia the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bird and the call was for three months and the force marched to the place and drove off and dispersed the Tories and returned home and after serving out his time he received an honorable discharge from the Colonel which is lost by time and accident. – In the spring of 1781 he was drafted in the County of Shenandoah for three months and mustered under the command of Captain George Preene [could be Prune] Lieutenant George Leath [perhaps a mistaken reference to John Leath] and Ensign Frederick Comer and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel McCoy and was ordered to Little York to assist in the attack upon General Cornwallis where he served out his time and was honorably discharged after his return home to the County of Shenandoah by Colonel McCoy which discharge is lost by time and accident – Soon after the surrender of

¹ The War Dept. read this name as "Scehon"]

General Cornwallis this declarant was again drafted for 18 months, upon which he hired a substitute by the name of James Goodwill to whom he gave 100£ and received a discharge from General Peter Muhlenberg. He was never in any engagement or battle with the enemy. He was born on the 3rd day of January 1761 in Shenandoah County Virginia and resided there until the fall of 1792 when he moved to Lincoln County North Carolina where he lived until the fall of 1795 when he moved to Stokes County North Carolina where he lived until the fall of 1798 when he moved to Rockingham County Virginia where he lived until the fall of 1801 when he moved to Ross County Ohio where he resided until the spring of 1804 when he moved to Raccoon Township Gallia County of Ohio where he has resided ever since, and still resides. He has no record of his age but has always been told by his parents that he was born at the time and place as stated above. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ [illegible signature]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Safford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Robert Safford and Reuben Rambo gave the standard supporting affidavit there being no clergyman residing in the neighborhood.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]