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Pension application of Abednego Rutland S4170

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 28th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before James M. Martin, David C. Hibbitts, & Benjamin W. Billings Esquires Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Abednego Rutland a resident of Wilson County & State of Tennessee, aged seventy-four years next March, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the United States service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Thomas Eaton Colonel Commandant -- Jesse Etherington Lieutenant Colonel __ Pace Major of the Regiment to which he belonged; he was a citizen of North Hampton County [sic, Northampton County], North Carolina, and volunteered his services in the Revolutionary War in the month of October 1778, to his best recollection & belief, in the Company commanded by Captain Scurlock of Halifax County & Samuel Baron Lieutenant of Northampton County; there were three companies in the two Counties -- we were rendezvoused at Halifax Court house marched to the South and met with General Ashe's Army at or near Kingston [Kinston] on Neuse River -- Marched through South Carolina (Counties not recollected) to Charlestown, where the French Fleet had previously arrived that his we did not remained there long, but marched on further South near the mouth of Savannah River where General Lincoln's headquarters were at a small town called Pluriesburgh or Purrysburg: we were stationed there a few weeks, marched from General Lincoln's headquarters up the Savannah to Augusta, in Georgia, and there we joined the General Williamson's Army; the British were in possession of Augusta when we arrived, left the town that night & retreated to the South; in the course of three or four days we crossed the River & pursued about seventy miles, till we had reached the bridge at Brier Creek; which the enemy had burnt after they crossed it. As he understood the British went on to their Garrison called Ebenezer not very far from Brier Creek, and being reinforced, headed the Creek, and came down upon us by surprise -- where they attacked and defeated of us. The most of the defeated made their escape to General Lincoln's Army, or at a place within a few miles of his Army called the White House: there he remained until he was regularly discharged having served six months the term for which he had volunteered.

In the fall season of the year 1780 and as well as he can recollect, he was drafted to serve a tour of 3 months in the Militia raised in North Hampton County: Henry Dawson was our Captain & William Madray if he can recollect rightly was Lieutenant of the company to which he belonged - we were mustered into service at Halifax Court house and marched from that place to

a place near Salisbury, where we remained some short time, then marched on to the headquarters of the southern Army at that time commanded by General Smallwood; General Greene came on in a short time and assumed the command of the southern Army. We remained there until our term of three months had expired, and was then regularly discharged. Colonel John Branch commanded the Regiment to which he belonged -- whilst at headquarters he saw General Morgan -- General Davidson & General Greene -- also saw General Butler during this Campaign & he saw Colonel William Washington frequently -- he does not remember that he received a discharge in writing, if he did, he has lost them.

He was born 27th March 1759 according to his father's record did have a copy of the same, but has lost or mislaid it.

He was a Citizen of Northampton County, in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States, he resides in the same County about 35 years after peace was made, then moved to Halifax County lived there about 11 years, then moved to Wilson County Tennessee where he has resided ever since.

He is well acquainted with William Shepherd, John G. Graves, Rutherford Rutland, John Cawthon, Samuel Shepherd and several other old settlers in the neighborhood some of whom he expects he can produce before the Court to testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He is also well acquainted with the Reverend Elijah Maddox who can testify to the same facts. --

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Abednego Rutland, X his mark

[John G. Graves & William Shepherd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended Declaration

State of Tennessee Wilson County: County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before Burchett Douglass [?], James M. Martin, & George F. McWhirter [?] Justices of said Court: Abednego Rutland a citizen of said County of Wilson who being duly sworn saith, that he does not know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services as a Revolutionary Soldier, nor has he any documentary evidence to establish the same -- It was his expectation to have had the testimony of the Reverend Elijah Maddox to certify as to the prevailing opinion of his neighbors as to his services, but by the time his declaration was prepared and exhibited to the Court, the day was so far spent that he left the Court and did not return the next day & he could not conveniently obtain the testimony of any other clergyman at that time; he however expects now to have the benefit of his testimony.

Sworn to in open court before me the 25th of June 1833

S/ J. T. McClain, Clerk

S/ Abednego Rutland, X his mark

[Elijah Maddox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]