

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ruddeel [Ruddell] S4172

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State of Kentucky Boone County: SS

On this 6th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Henry C. Brown, Sole Judge of the Boone Circuit Court, now sitting, (being a Court of Record) James Ruddell, a resident of Boone County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years (next August) 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 and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in Shenandoah County State of Virginia in a company of Riflemen under Captain Rader, sometime in the year 1777 [last digit written over and unclear], the month and day of the month, not recollected, for six months, marched from Shenandoah County to Pittsburgh, from thence to Wheeling, Colonel Bird had command of the Regiment, his General's name was Hand, he served the whole six months out, and was discharged at Wheeling, but owing to the length of time and subsequent misfortunes during the Revolution he has long since lost the paper containing it. –

In the year 1779, he was again called on as one of the volunteers detailed to come to what is now Kentucky to defend the frontiers from the merciless invasions of the British and their Indian allies, he served under the immediate command of Captain Isaac Ruddell, – John Bowman was the Colonel who commanded – he served in Captain Ruddell's Company in Kentucky until about the 24th day of June 1780, at which time the British and Indians made an attack on Ruddell's Station, where the troops then were, the Station was taken by the British and Indians and he became a prisoner of war, – he was taken by the Indians to Detroit and there given up to the British, and was carried through Canada – was a prisoner to them rather more than two years and six months – at the conclusion of the war and when peace was restored, he was returned to his fellow Citizens of Virginia. – He afterwards moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1783 and settled in the then County of Fayette in the year 1814 he moved to Boone County where he has resided ever since. –

After coming to Kentucky and in the year 1793 or 1794 he served a tour in what is generally called Scott's Campaign. –

While at Pittsburgh, he knew a Regular Officer named Gipson who was the Colonel and had command of that place. –

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, neither is he knows and to anyone who has a personal knowledge of his service and 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 he

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.

S/ James Ruddeel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Ruddeel". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. There are some dark, irregular marks or smudges over parts of the signature, particularly over the "James" and "Ruddeel" parts.

[Churchill Gaines and William K Wall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[There is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia.]