

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Ridley S41984

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I Samuel Ridley of Duxbury in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, a resident Citizen of the United States, declare and say that I served in the war of the revolution about four & half years.

I enlisted early in the spring of 1776 in the third company and third Regiment of the Maryland Infantry, for the term of three years. I served untill nearly the close of this term, when I again enlisted, during the war, in the same Company & Regt. I continued in the Service untill about August 1780 when I was taken prisoner near Camden in S. Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], by the Enemy under Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis], and remained a prisoner nearly two years.

I farther declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances I am in need of my Countrys assistance for support [signed] Samuel Ridley  
State of Vermont, Washington County SS. At Waterbury this fourth day of April 1818 personally appeared the above named Samuel Ridley and made oath to the truth of the above declaration by him subscribed to. Before me Ezra Butler, Chief Judge of Washington C. Court

Auditors office Annapolis March 5<sup>th</sup> 1819

I hereby certify that it appears from the muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors office that Samuel Ridley a Corporal in the third Maryland Regiment on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1777 and discharged 16<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1780 Thomas Karney Auditor, State of Maryland

STATE OF VERMONT. }

Washington COUNTY, SS. } ON this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, to wit, the Honorable County Court now sitting at Montpelier within & for the County of Washington & State of Vermont Samuel Ridley aged Sixty seven years resident in Duxbury in said County, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows:— Enlisted in the month of March 1777 into Capt. Jacob Brice's Company, Colonel Mordecai Gists Regiment, Nath'l. Ramsey being Lieut Colonel & Uriah Forest Major, in the Maryland line of the Continental Army, for the term of three years. Served against the Common Enemy said term out, then enlisted during the war & served about six months of said last mentioned term when the battle of Camden was shot through the ancle taken prisoner & carried to Charlestown South Carolina — was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & and arrived at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] just as the enemy were beaten. My original declaration was dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1818 & my pension certificate is numbered 8308.

And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions 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, viz One weavers Loom — Sundry articles of hollow ware — 3 old wheels — two old chests — one looking glass — [illegible] chairs — one table — Crockery ware — three pails — joiners' tools —

I am by occupation a joiner, but on account of old age & infirmities, particularly a lameness in my wounded Leg am unable to do but very little labor, have a wife Abiel Ridley aged sixty five years, who is afflicted with a dropsical complaint which in her advanced age renders her unable to perform any labor of any consequence & is dependent on me for support.

(Signed) Samuel Ridley