

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Randall S45165

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STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Grafton SS.)

ON this second day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas for the second District in said State comprising the County of Grafton personally appears Robert Randall aged sixty years, resident in Hanover in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the hereunto annexed & by him subscribed declaration, in order to obtain the provision 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 Robert Randall enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in the Virginia line, in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Lemuel Rogers of the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States for more than four years, when he was discharged from service and received a written evidence thereof but lost the same when afterwards a prisoner to the Indians and that he 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.

I Robert Randall of Hanover in the County of Grafton & State of New hampshire a free black man of the age of sixty years testify & declare that I served as a soldier in the revolutionary war betwixt the United States of America & Great Britain for more than four years in the whole, on the Continental establishment. I enlisted in Fairfax County in Virginia under Lim'l. Rogers who brought me to Rhode Island where I joined the Regiment under Col. Patterson under the command of Gen'l. Gandlebuss [probably Peter Gansevoort of New York], & remained under his command for the term of two years, in which time I march'd to Fort Stanwix [at present Rome NY], by order of Gen'l. Clinton, & was confined six months in the Hospital at Albany, by reason of a wound I received in my arm from a musket shot – after which (having served out my time) I had a discharge from Col. Patterson at Albany & went home to Virginia. Afterwards, I enlisted under one Capt. Richardson & with a great number of other Soldiers was put on board of a 70 Gun Frigate commanded by Capt. Morse[?] at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia, & we were the next day taken by the British, & taken to the Isle of Wight & there detained six months. We were then brought by the British to York Town & came to the forks of James River, where I ran away from them, intending to go home; but met Capt. Sharpe & inlisted under him & went again into the service & remained about two months when we were dismiss'd by Col. Lines[?]. The money I received for my wages would not bring hardly anything & I about lost the whole of it. Afterwards I went to the westward to get the land granted to me as a Soldier, when I was taken by the Indians between Limestone & Fort Wheeling on the Ohio & kept as a prisoner eighteen months. I then run away from them & by way of Detroit went to Montreal & from there to the State of New hampshire about twenty five years since, & whilst with the Indians I lost my discharge.

I further say that I am now a resident Citizen of the United States, & that from my reduced circumstances I need the assistance of my Country for support & I do hereby relinquish all claim I may have to any pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States – if any such there be

Robert hisXmark Randall

District of New Hampshire

County of Grafton

At the Superior Court of Judicature of the State of New Hampshire holden at Haverhill within & for the County of Grafton being a Court of record of said County by law established on the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court Robert Randall a man of colour aged eighty four years resident in Lebanon in said County in said District of New Hampshire, who first

being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz a private soldier in Capt J. Gurty's Company & Colo. Patterson's Regiment in the Rhode Island line. that his original declaration was made & dated second day of May 1818 that he has received a pension & that his pension certificate is numbered four thousand seven hundred ninety nine

And 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 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 & by me subscribed. I further declare that I am by occupation a farmer able to do a little. I have a wife weakly poor creature & two children at home with me named James Randall aged 15 & Edward Randall aged 12 years I have two children from home who do not help me they live at a great distance from me. I am really poor & old

Robert hisXmark Randall

Lebanon May 29 1820

To 1 Cow	20.00
To four Chairs	1.00
To 2 pots	2.50
To one bake pan	1.50
one tea kettle	1.00
To two skillets	.42
To one chain	1.25
To one Plow	1.50
To two axes	3.00
To one hog	5.20
To one saddle	<u>3.50</u>
	40.07

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NOTE: A document indicates that Robert Randall died at Hanover 24 May 1823, leaving a widow named Hannah Randall.