

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Rodamer (Rodamer) S46341

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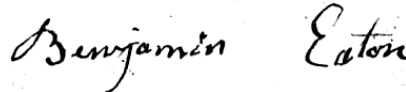
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State of New York Ulster County} SS

Be it known that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828 personally came before me James N. Mitchell one of the Commissioners &c in and for the said County of Ulster Benjamin Eaton<sup>1</sup> of the Town of New Windsor in the County of Orange and State aforesaid and being duly Sworn according to law doth depose and Say that he is Seventy years Old that [he] was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and Served during and until the expiration of the War in the Company commanded by Captain Colfax [William Colfax] in the life Guard of General George Washington that while in said Service he became acquainted with Christopher Rodamer [sic] – now residing in the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange aforesaid and that the said Christopher Rodamer was transferred in the Guard of Washington in the Said Company at Valley Forge in the year 1778 from a Pennsylvania Regiment – and Served therein until the conclusion of the War and was discharged at New Burgh in the County of Orange at the head Quarters of General George Washington – and further this Deponent sayeth not

S/ Benjamin Eaton



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For the purpose of Obtaining the benefit of “An Act for the Relief of Certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” Approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828 I Christopher Rodamer of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange in the State of New York, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army, of the Revolution for and during the War. And Continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Capt. Colfax’s [William Colfax’s] Company of Body Guards of General George Washington.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the sum of Eighty dollars, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778.

And I do further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States

State of New York Ulster County SS

S/ Christopher Rodamer, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Eaton S45359](#)

[James Mitchell and David Hanmore gave testimony that the claimant is generally believed in the community to have been a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution.]

Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1828

S/ James in Mitchell, Commissioner &c

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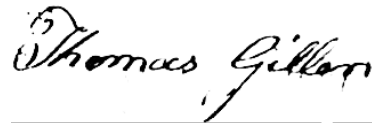
Ulster County} SS

I Thomas Gillen<sup>2</sup> of the Town of Wall Kill in the County of Orange Being duly Sworn according to law do depose and Say that I am 71 Years old that I am acquainted with Cristopher Rodamba [sic] of the Town of Montgomery in the County of aforesaid. That I am a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States that I was a Private in the Company of the Bodyguard of George Washington during the Revolutionary War that I was in the Company commanded by Capt. Colfax in the Life Guards in the year 1779 in the spring of the Year that Cristopher Rodamba was then Attached to the Company of Captain Colfax and continued therein to the end of the War and was discharged at New Burgh in Orange County at the head Quarters of General Washington after the Conclusion of the War and further this Deponent Sayeth not Sworn and subscribed

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1828 before me

S/ James Mitchell, Commissioner &

S/ Thomas Gillen



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State of New York Ulster County} SS

I Cristopher Rodamber of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange Being duly Sworn according to Law do depose and say that I am at present a Citizen of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange that I am 78 Years of age that I was in the Army of the Revolution that I was Enlisted in the spring of the year 1777 in the month of March in the Company Commanded by Captain Skull [?]<sup>3</sup> In the Regiment commanded by Col. Craig of the Pennsylvania line and that I was Enlisted in said Company for and during the War – and that I was transferred from the said Company at Valley Forge in the fall of the year 1777 at – in the Company Commanded by Capt. Colfax in the life body Guard of General George Washington – that I was in the Battle of Germantown – Brandywine – White Plains – and Little York the taking of Cornwallis & at which last Mention place I was Wounded by a Horseman's Saber that penetrated through my Face [?]<sup>4</sup> – That I continued in the Service as aforesaid in the said Guards to the termination of the War that I was discharged at New Burgh in the County of Orange after the War at the head Quarters of General George Washington – and I

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Gillen S43603](#)

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also declare that I received a Certificate for the Reward of Eighty Dollars – to which I was Entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1778 – which Said Certificate I sold to George Gardner of the Village of New Burgh aforesaid – for the Sum of two dollars I having no confidence in the Value thereof and I further Swear that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 I was not a pensioner of the United States –

S/ Cristopher Rodamber, X his mark

Sworn and Subscribed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1828  
before me S/ James N Mitchell Commissioner &

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
29 October 1828

Christopher Rodamber <sup>or Rodamer</sup> of Montgomery in the County of Orange in the State of New York has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Colfax's Company <sup>Washington's Guard</sup>, in the \_\_\_ regiment of the Pennsylvania line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
31<sup>st</sup> of October 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Christopher Rodamber is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Christopher Rodamber (or Rodamer) cannot be found among those of the Pennsylvania line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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War Department: Bounty land office

The records of this office do not show that Christopher Rodamer of the Pennsylvania line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor  
20 January 1829

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Rec'd 12 February 1829

State of New Jersey Bergen County } I William Colfax<sup>5</sup> of Pompton in the County of Bergen aforesaid being duly sworn according to law due upon my said oath make the following declaration that I was an officer of the Army of the revolution Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Regiment and Captain Commandant [of the] Commander in Chief's life Guard That I was Selected from the Connecticut line at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania to serve in the Guards in the year 1778. That Major Gibbs [Caleb Gibbs] Commanded at that time & till about the year 1780 when I Succeeded to the Command that to the best of my knowledge & belief Christopher Redmer [sic] was drafted (with others) from the Pennsylvania line to fill up the Guards to about one hundred – that as well as I recollect (after a lapse of near fifty years) Redmer was ordered from the Guard to take charge of one of the generals Baggage Waggons about the year 1778 – and being carried into the staff department was struck off the Rolls of the Guard and enrolled in the Quarter Master General department, where he must have received extra pay, for Extra Service – The deponent cannot say with certainty that Redmer Served to the end of the War, but to the best of his recollection & belief, Redmer did Serve to the end of the War.

Deponent further says, on examination of the Rolls of the Guard he finds that Thomas Gillon [sic] and Benjamin Eaton continued in Service to the end of the War – that his acquaintance with Thomas Gillon has been continued to this day – that Gillon is considered to be a man of punctuality and truth – and being a companion of Redamer [sic] can better establish the fact that Radamer [sic] Served to the end of the War that, I can possibly myself – The Pennsylvania line was very generally enlisted for during the War – With what knowledge the deponent has of the Services of Radamer [sic] and the evidence of Gillon and Eaton – the deponent recommends to the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury the case of Christopher Radamer [sic] The deponent further states, Radamer being enlisted for the War, was held to serve agreeable to the tenor of his enlistment, to the end of the War, entitled to, and considered as 1 of the line of the Army.

Sworn at New Barbadoes  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1829 before me  
S/ David J Christie, JP

S/ Wm Colfax



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State of New York Ulster County } SS

I Christopher Rodamer of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange Being duly Sworn according to law due depose and Say that I was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution that I was brought up in the Town of Potts Grove [?]<sup>6</sup> in Montgomery County. That I am by trade

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<sup>5</sup> [William Colfax R2174](#)

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a Carpenter. That I was Enlisted in the town of Redding in Pennsylvania (in company with 4 others named Philip Lodawick, John Rides [?]<sup>7</sup> & – in the month of March 1777 – by a Captain Skull then a recruiting Officer) for during the War. That at the time of the enlistment I received from the drum head attending the Recruiting officer three half joes – as a Bounty fee – That the State of Pennsylvania did not grant any Land to the troops raised in that State – That I served in the Company commanded by Captain Skull in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Craig for about a Year when I was ordered and placed in the body Guards of George Washington under the Command of Captain Colfax where I served for my enlistment for during the War and was discharged &c &c as per my Former Statement in my first Affidavit transmitted to Washington. – Further that this deponent sayeth not  
Sworn and Subscribed

Before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1829

S/ James N Mitchell a Commissioner &c

S/ Cristopher Rodamer, X his mark

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*John Rides*