

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ruble S4656

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The State of Ohio Highland County: SS

On this 21st day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County John Ruble a resident of said County aged 72 years 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 A. D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated:

The following interrogatories were propounded by said justice of the peace to said applicant to which the annexed answers were returned:

1st Question. When & in what year were you born? Answer – I was born in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia A.D. 176

2nd Question. Have you any record of your age? Answer. I have not.

3rd Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war , & where do you now live?

Answer – I lived in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia when called into service, lived there about 20 years when I moved to Shenandoah Virginia lived there a few years & moved to Augusta County Virginia lived there 7 years when I moved to Monroe County Virginia & from thence to the County of Highland in the State of Ohio where I have ever since lived.

4th Question. How were you called into Service? In all my tours I was drafted.

5th Question. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Answer – General Washington & General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] are the only officers I can now recollect who were with the troops where I served excepting those whom I shall hereafter mentioned & under whose immediate command I served – In the month of September A.D. 1777 I was drafted for the Virginia militia at the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia & for a tour of 3 months my Captain was named Anthony Rader. Soon after I was drafted I marched under said Captain Rader to the head waters of Greenbrier River in said state of Virginia where said Rader's Company was stationed at a Fort called Work's fort to protect the frontier from the attacks of hostile Indians – whilst said Company was stationed at said Fort I was frequently sent out by my Captain as a spy against the Indians & in performing the duty of a spy ranged through the country in the neighborhood of said Fort Work – After serving three months I received from my said Captain a written discharge & immediately thereafter returned to said County of Rockingham –

In the month of July A.D. 1778 I was again drafted for the Virginia Militia at said County

of Rockingham to serve against the Indians, in the company commanded by Captain Abram Linkhorn [Abram or Abraham Lincoln] which company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Harrison we were marched soon after I was drafted to a point on the Ohio River about fifty miles below Fort Pitt where our Regiment joined General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. We remained there about one month during which time I assisted in building a Fort which was called Fort McIntosh. We were then marched to the Tuscarawas River in the then North Western Territory in pursuit of hostile Indians – We built a Fort on said River called Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] & remained there several weeks during which time General McIntosh made a treaty with the said Indians. I was drafted this tour for three months but was in service four months & more. After which I received a written discharge from Colonel Harrison & returned again to said County of Rockingham.

In the month of August A.D. 1781 I was again drafted for a three months tour for the Virginia militia in the said County of Rockingham – Captain __ Boggs commanded our company & Major __ Welsh was our Major & Colonel Dark commanded our Regiment. A few days after I was drafted I was marched by my said officers to Yorktown which was then occupied by the British Army under General Cornwallis. We joined General Washington's Army before Yorktown – & I remained in active service before said town until three days before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when I received a written discharge from my Captain & returned home after serving in this tour three months. In all my three tours taken together I served at least ten months. And throughout the whole of my tour of four months & more under General McIntosh I served as a drummer in said company commanded by Captain Linkhorn.

6th Question – Did you ever receive a discharge? I received written discharges as I have before stated after each of my three tours of service – which I have since lost I know not where nor how.
7th Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for truth & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer – George Spickard, Frederick Gibler, Henry Surber, & others well testify as is required &c – There is no clergyman in my neighborhood –

This applicant represents that he has no documentary evidence, nor can he procure the testimony of any individual as to his service.

That there is no Clergyman residing in his neighborhood & that it would be very inconvenient to procure such a certificate as the Department requires & That he resides about 13 miles from the County seat of said County of Highland & that he is unable from old age & consequent bodily infirmity to appear before the Court of record held there to make his declaration &c

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ Henry Surber, JP

S/ John Ruble, R his mark

[John Wardlaw, F. Gibler and Henry Surber, Sr., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died the December 29th, 1839; in 1858, Andrew Ruble lived in New Corwin, Highland County, Ohio – his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]