

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Roush (Roush) S4785

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Commonwealth of Virginia, Mason County: SS

On this 6th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Mason County now sitting in said County Jonash Roush aged 69 years, who first being 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 & served as herein stated.

That he entered the service as a substitute for his Brother Henry Roush who was drafted for a tour of three months in the summer of 1781; he thinks in July. That he served in the company commanded by Captain All. That we marched to a place called Falmouth near Fredericksburg after staying there some time, we returned to Shenandoah County Virginia & was employed in Stormy Creek, [indecipherable word] Sink's Mill where the Tories had been very troublesome & done much mischief, at the expiration of the three months we were discharged & returned home. After staying at home two or three days – I was drafted at Shenandoah aforesaid for a three months tour in the Militia under Captain All in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Bird [perhaps Abraham Bird], marched through Millerstown thence to Little York & was there during the Siege, & at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], after arriving at Little York, I was placed under another Captain whose name I do not recollect & in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [perhaps Colonel William Dark, also spelled Darke], I believe by Captain was discharged as a supernumerary officer, sometime after the taking of Cornwallis I proceeded towards Winchester with the prisoners near the expiration of my term of service I was taken sick on my way to Winchester near Fredericksburg & was discharged where I lay sick for more than six weeks – I have no documentary evidence of my services & know of no one who can testify to them except George Roush. That I resided in Shenandoah County Virginia where I was born till 1798 when I removed to Mason County where I have since resided. I was born at Holman's Fort in September 1763 in said County of Shenandoah & have no record of my age.

That I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension whatever, except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jonas Roush, X his mark

[Michael Roush and Daniel A. Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 7: In May 30, 1837 in Meigs County of Ohio, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Ohio agency describing himself as the same person who served under Captain Aul and Col. Burt; he stated as his reasons for removing from Virginia to Ohio that his wife died in

February passed and he is old and feeble and could spend the remainder of his days with his daughter who now resides in the Ohio. He signed this document with his mark.]

[f p. 30: On July 12th, 1848 in Meigs County of Ohio the veteran filed for a new pension certificate. In this document he describes himself as having served under Captain Awl in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark. This document is also signed with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]