

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Runyon S4799

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The State of Ohio, Preble County: SS

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in & for the County of Preble and State of Ohio now sitting John Runyon a resident of Dickson Township in the County of Preble and State of Ohio aged 69 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That some time about the last of May or first of June 1780 he was drafted in the State of North Carolina ~~Guilford~~ Rowan County and that he entered the service under Captain James Byers and Colonel Francis Lock's [sic, Francis Locke's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia and served a tour of duty in said Regiment of three months active service was a part of the time under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was with him in the expedition against Col. Rugeley's Mills in South Carolina burnt the Mills and by what was called the wooden Cannon Stratagem we took about 400 prisoners,<sup>1</sup> he was regularly discharged but has lost the discharge is certain that he served three months. And that about the first of September in the same year 1780 he entered the Service as a volunteer at the said County of Rowan under Captain Peter Hedrick & Lieutenant G. Cornelison in the N. C. Militia and Served a tour of duty of one month principally at Salisbury N. C. Guarding the prisoners that were then at that place.

About the last of May 1781, entered the Service as a volunteer under Captain Cole [William Cole] in what was called the Fannon [sic, David Fanning] & Elrod Expedition. Colonels Lofton, Colyer [sic, John Collier] & Belford were with us we marched in pursuit of Fanning & Elrod who were Tories & said to be Colonels in the British Service came up with them on the night or evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> of June had a pretty sharp action [June 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> with them Defeated and drove them & their party over Deep River. In this action he was severely wounded in the right arm by a Ball passing through the flesh above the elbow. Served six weeks this tour.

That in the winter of 1780 & 81 he entered the service under Captain Cole in the N. C. Militia and served a tour of duty of one month most of the time was guarding Mendenhall's Mills on Deep River was there when the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was fought.

That sometime in the latter part of the summer of 1781, he was drafted for a three months

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<sup>1</sup> Rugeley's Mill, December 4, 1780 was an engagement in which Lieutenant Colonel William Washington was in command of the Whig forces. He employed the wooden cannon stratagem in that engagement. General Daniel Morgan was not present at that engagement.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coxsmill.htm> This action was also known as the Needham action.

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tour of duty, he entered the Service under Captain Carson in Colonel Lofton's [William Lofton's] Regiment North Carolina Militia under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], marched to Wilmington in North Carolina lay in Garrison until Discharged, was here when Cornwallis Surrendered at York [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] & that he got a discharge for this tour of Duty which was Signed by Captain Harris [Etheldred Harris] but has lost it and that he did serve three months this tour.\*

And he does further aver & declare that he did serve in the several tours of duty aforesaid in the militia of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War making aggregately ten months and a half.

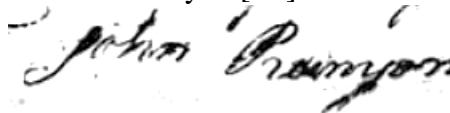
And that he has no documentary evidence of his said Service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services. He had written discharges as before stated but has by accident lost them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State he further States that he has no Record of his age But Believes he was born on the fourth of November 1763 in Hunterdon County & State of New Jersey. That he lived in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina at the time he was called into Service and Since the Revolutionary war he has lived in the County of Madison and State of Kentucky and from that place he came [to] Preble County in the State of Ohio where he now resides and has resided for the space of 13 years last past. And that he is known to Robert Rhea and Jacob Longnecker and John Truox, Esq. who reside in his present neighborhood who can & he believes will testify as to his Character for Veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ John Rrumyon [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rrumyon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Rrumyon [sic]".

[Josiah Conger, a clergyman, and Samuel Parks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Out of order but appearing to be in the same handwriting as the original declaration is the following:]

\*"that sometime in November 1781 Shortly after Surrender of Cornwallis he volunteered in the said County & State aforesaid & entered the service under Captain Williams for one month for the purpose of Guarding some Waggons that was going to Newbern [ sic, New Bern] N. C. to bring off a quantity of Public Arms that was Deposited there I think they were principally French muskets, we went to New Bern, got the Arms & brought them off and gave them up to Major Hogan [sic, James Hogun?] at Duplin C. H. North Carolina. Served one month this tour."

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.12 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 10 days in the North Carolina militia.]