Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Conrad Rader S5973
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia and County of Rockingham, to wit:

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Jacob D. Williamson, David Dayton, Reuben Moore & Augustus Waterman Justices of the County Court of Rockingham, now sitting Conrad Rader, a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged about sixty six 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 1832.

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

That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania, near Bethlehem in the year 1765 as he believes, the bible in which his age was recorded having been lost. That his parents removed to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County in Virginia when he was four years old, and he resided there eleven years, and then removed to Shenandoah. He was drafted into the militia Service in Shenandoah County Virginia, early in August in the year 1781 and was discharged on the fifth day of October 1781 as will appear by the accompanying discharge, after having served two months and two days. This tour was served under Captain Sharp, in Colonel Edmunds's regiment, and Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens's brigade, in Virginia, principally in the neighbourhood of Yorktown and Williamsburg. He was at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] during this tour, but returned with some sick before the Surrender of Cornwallis and his army.

He entered the service, as a substitute for John Miller of Shenandoah in about a week after the date of the discharge herewith submitted, and served two months under Captain Downie and Colonel Niswonger [John Niscwanger], the whole tour was served at the Winchester barracks in Virginia in guarding the prisoners. He received a discharge from Capt Downie for this tour but has lost it.

He was drafted into the militia service on the first of January 1782 from Shenandoah County Va and served two months and eleven days, under Captain White from Loudon County Va and Col. Niswonger of Winches[ter] This term was served at the Winchester barracks also. He w[as] discharged by Capt White on the eleventh of March 1782 and has lo[st] this discharge likewise.

He knew Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col. Dark [sic: William Darke], Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne & Gen'l. Washington at York Town.

He has removed to Rockingham county in the year 1791 and has resided there ever since. He has no other documentary evidence of his service than the accompanying discharge signed by Lieut Odell. For his character and standing and the belief of his services in the war, he refers to Joseph Baxter Esq., High Sheriff of this County, Mr. Wm. Hopkins, David Hemton[?] Esq. Mr. Joseph Fank Mr. Peter Driver, Mr. Benjamin Bowman & the neighbo[rs] generally. 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. For proof of his services in part he relies on the evidence of his brother Henry Rader [see pension application S5972].

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Conrade Rader

Shenadore County 1781 the 5 Day of October 1781
I Sartify that Cunerd Reader as Searved a Tour of Duty in the melittea in Cornals Edmunds' Rigment in Generell Stevens Bregade and is heirby Discharged from the same
Given hunder my hand Silvanus Odell Left.