

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ragland S5974

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State of Virginia Buckingham County

On this 15th of September 1832 John Ragland a resident of said County of Buckingham – (who from extreme bodily infirmity is unable to go to Court) personally appeared before me Reuben B Patterson a Magistrate of said County of Buckingham; he being of the age of seventy-one years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he was born in the County of Henrico County in the State of Virginia in the year 1761, that he entered the Service in the War of the Revolution in Henrico County in the year 1779 and as well as he remembers the 1st Regiment Virginia Militia in a company under the command of Captain Thomas Proper [probably Thomas Prosser]. He again after that tour, entered the same service in the same County under the command of Captain Richard Sharp & served another tour – and after that he reentered the same service in the same County under Captain John Turpin; & served another tour and after that he entered the same service in the same County under said Captain John Turpin, but on arriving at rendezvous Turpin was supernumerary & he was transferred to Captain Joseph Price under whom he served at the Siege of York & after the Siege he went on to Maryland or rather to the Potomac River to guard prisoners – where he was honorably discharged – in all he served four tours of three months each, & in each instance he was honorably discharged but has long ago lost them – from the time he first entered Service under Captain Proper he stayed very little at home until his final discharge at the Potomac River – he does not remember what regiments he belonged to except the first, & of that he may not be absolutely correct. He was under General Nelson some, & a heap of Generals, & he knows well he was under General Lawson in his last tour. He was in no battles except at the siege of York and some skirmishes – but was very often in sight of them in their ships; That he entered the service in every case as a militia draft – He removed from Henrico to Buckingham County where he now resides about forty odd years ago, & there is nobody here known to him who knows of his services except John Whitlock¹ who was a resident of Henrico in the War who served all of the tours except the last one with him. He is known to Price Perkins, Major David Patterson, Archibald Austin & Major Charles Yancey of said County of Buckingham – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

There is no clergyman living in the neighborhood & who can be conveniently procured.

S/ John Ragland

¹ FPA S17195

John Ragland

[Charles Yancey gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Buckingham County September 26, 1832

This day John Whitlock who is referred to in the foregoing declaration & certificate appeared before me a magistrate of said County & made oath that the aforesaid John Ragland was a soldier in the militia Service in the war of the Revolution and served as he has stated three or four tours of two or three months each but as to the precise length of them he cannot say, some might have been for less & some more than three months – he believes that Ragland was regularly discharged as a good soldier. The affiant Whitlock served the tours except the last one with said Ragland.

S/ John Whitlock

John Whitlock

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]