

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reubin Rosson (Rossin) S6016

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[Note: The quality of the digital images of the following declaration as posted on both Fold3.com and HeritageQuest.com is very poor. Use the following transcription with more than usual caution.]

State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting Reuben Rosson a resident in said County and State aged Eighty 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 the 8th day of September 1752 in the County of Culpeper Virginia where he has lived ever since.

That he entered the service in the year 1777 and marched to Pennsylvania and joined Washington in that state. He went under Captain Reuben Slaughter Colonel James Barbour and Major Roberts – That Barbour in Maryland left the Regiment and Major Roberts marched it on to head quarters, and Colonel Crawford then commanded – That he served out that tour of five months – staying [indecipherable word or words] by request of the officers, expecting an engagement, was discharged about the 1st of December 1777 –

That he marched at another time Hunter's] forge, where it was expected that the forge would be destroyed – he was drafted and that service under Captain James Thomas and Colonel William Thomson, that that service past for a two months tour –

That in May 1781 he again was drafted and marched to Malvern Hills that he was there and about there two months, and was discharged – and was relieved by Culpeper Troops. That his officers then were Colonel Alcock – Major Welch (Brigade Major) Ensign John Marshall and Samuel Ferguson was an officer – Brigadier General Stevens [Edward Stevens] –

That on or about the 1st of September following he was drafted and marched under Captain [1st name too faint to discern] Young and Colonel Edmunds to the Siege of York, that he was engaged in that siege from the 1st to the last and guarded the prisoners to Winchester Barracks, where he was discharged 82 months service, that he was not again in service –

That he can prove the above service by Almond Vaughan, Charles Holes [?] and Thomas Vaughan.

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 or Territory –

S/ Reuben Rosson, X his mark

I Almond Vaughan¹ resident of Culpeper County Virginia hereby certify that I was with Reuben Rosson who subscribed the above Declaration in the service he states at the North under Washington and at the forge, and know that he performed those tours. I have known him [indecipherable word] and considered him entitled to full credence in what he states.

S/ Almond Vaughan

I Thomas Vaughan² resident of Culpeper County hereby Certify that I was with Reuben Rosson in all the service he states in his Declaration and know that he faithfully performed those tours – I have known him ever since and believe him in what he states –

S/ Thomas Vaughan

And the court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant he being on his oath, and which she answered as herein after [indecipherable word or words] viz.:

Quest. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 8th of September 1752.

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. My name is registered in the Family Bible

Quest. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I was born in Culpeper and have never lived out of it.

Quest. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. I was drafted every time –

Quest. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. I knew many Officers, such as Washington the Marquis, Muhlenberg &c my services are set forth in my Declaration

Quest. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. I never did in writing – We were not discharged in that way in the Militia

Quest. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. I refer to Captain Reuben Moore, Captain Philip Slaughter the Mr. Vaughan &c

I prove my service by Almond Vaughan and Thomas Vaughan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Almond Vaughan W6342](#)

² [Thomas Vaughan S6298](#)