

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Rowntree S6028

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State of Virginia County of Henrico

On this 4th day of Febry 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Henrico County William Rowntree a resident of the s'd. County of Henrico and state of Virginia aged seventy years the 3rd day of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was born in Goochland County the 3rd day of January 1763 where he was a resident when he enlisted. that he enlisted in the army of the united states in March 1779 with Captain Halman Rice [sic: Holman Rice] and served in the Regiment of guards commanded by Col. Francis Taylor and Maj'r. [John] Roberts to guard the troops of Burgoyne [surrendered at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] who were then prisoners at Albemarle barracks in the state of Virginia and served in the s'd Reg't. at the s'd. barracks until about March or April 1781 when the prisoners were removed to Winchester in Virginia a part of the Reg't. was left to guard some Refugees and the Magazine &c. and the s'd. Rowntree was one that was left. at that time there was a Sergeant wanting and the Officer who was left to command appointed the s'd. Rowntree to act as one and in a short time after the balance of the Reg't. followed on to Winchester and were there discharged by the s'd. Col. Taylor some time in May 1781. The time he served as a private was a little upwards of two years and as a Sergeant but a few weeks.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Wm. Rowntree

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of William Rountree as a Sergeant of infantry for £15.2.5. which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Neaves.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this fifth day of September 1882.

Jas. E. Heath, Auditor