

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rudder S6034

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Virginia to wit

On this 26th day of November 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Halifax now sitting John Rudder a resident of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia aged seventy-five 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. – I enlisted in the service of the United States, as a minute man, for one-year, a private soldier in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia the latter part of the year 1776 or 1st of the year 1777 (as well as I now recollect), under Samuel Garland, Captain, and John Garland Lieutenant, I was engaged for some time performing Military exercise in the said County before I had marching orders. I was first ordered to march to Wake Court house North Carolina. I accordingly started and marched under the command of Major John Glenn, through the County of Mecklenburg across the Roanoke River a few miles in the State of North Carolina, when we were countermanded back to Virginia. I was accordingly marched back across Roanoke, and through the Counties of Mecklenburg, Brunswick and Dinwiddie, to the Town of Petersburg, where I remained a short time, from there I was marched through the Counties of Prince George & Surry to a Small town on James River called Cobham where I was stationed for some length of time, after which I was cross James River through Jamestown, to Williamsburg, where I was stationed a while, at which place I was joined to the brigade commanded by General Nelson, from there I was marched to Burwell's ferry, on James River where I was stationed for some months, after which I was marched back to Williamsburg where I remained until sometime in the fall of 1777 the whole Army at that place was ordered to march to Dumfries but on the way to Dumfries it was concluded that all the one years men that would not reenlist should turn and go to Holdson [probably Holston River] against the Indians. I with some others was too sick to march and at a place called New Castle I was left behind on furlough, with orders to go on and joined my Captain whenever I got well enough to March, during my furlough I made out to get home to the County of Lunenburg, and before I was able to march Captain Garland returned home and gave me a discharge our time of one-year having expired. I think this discharge was given in the month of November 1777. I have no documentary evidence but prove this tour by the affidavit of David Callaham¹ who served the whole time with me.

The next time I entered the Service I substituted in the place of William Mathews, as a private Soldier in the Militia service in the said County of Lunenburg, Virginia in the month of

¹ [David Callaham S16695](#)

July 1778 under Edward Broadnax Captain: Richard Wyatt Lieutenant: & Sterling Niblett Ensign. I was marched through the Counties of Amelia, Chesterfield & Dinwiddie to Petersburg from there I was marched across James River and on to Jamestown where I was stationed for some time, after which I was marched to Yorktown where I was joined to the Brigade commanded by General Nelson where I was stationed at a while, when I was marched back to Petersburg, where I was discharged by Captain Broadnax after serving a tour of two months. I was discharged in the month of September 1778. I have no documentary evidence but prove this tour by John Crews who served the whole of this tour with me.

The next time I entered the service I was drafted a private Soldier in the said County of Lunenburg, Virginia in the month of May 1779 under Anthony Street Captain. I was marched from the County of Amelia, and on to the town of Petersburg where we remained waiting further orders until the Militia was discharged. I was then discharged by Captain Street after serving a tour of three weeks. I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my serving this tour.

The next time I entered the service I was drafted a private Soldier in the militia service in the said County of Lunenburg Virginia in the month of April 1781 under Ellison Ellis (Captain). I was marched to Prince Edward Courthouse where I was transferred to Captain William Ragsdale's company when I was made a Sergeant and served the tour as such. I was then joined to the Brigade commanded by General Robert Lawson, John Overstreet, Major, I was then marched across James River to a place called the point of forks, where I was joined to the Army commanded by General Lafayette, the enemy then began to retreat and I was marched down the State when at a place called the Raccoon Ford General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] joined the Army. I was then marched on down pursuing the enemy until arrival at James Town where we had a little scrimmaging during the time the British crossed James River and we had to come up the River to Richmond before we could cross and on my way up to Richmond I met the relief which relieved me from this tour. I could not be discharged at the end of three, but had to wait until relief came, which caused this tour to be upwards of three months. I have no documentary evidence but prove this tour by John Crews who was in the Service at the same time.

I was born in the County of Lunenburg Virginia the 13th day of February 1757, the Register of my age was in a book of longing to my father an extract of which I still have. I lived in the said County of Lunenburg when called into service. I lived there eleven years after the close of the Revolutionary War. I then moved to the County of Charlotte where I lived three years. I then moved to the County of Halifax, where I have lived ever since: – my discharges are all lost or mislaid so that I cannot come at 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.

S/ John Rudder

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

I David Callaham of Campbell County & State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I lived a close neighbor to John Rudder of Halifax County & said State of Virginia, in the County of Lunenburg & said State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War and in the latter part of the year 1776 or 1st of the year 1777, we both enlisted in the service of the United States as minute men, for the term of one year, Under Captain Samuel Garland, Lieutenant John Garland & Major John Glenn, we were employed for some time performing military exercise until we had marching orders, when we were ordered into North Carolina, we accordingly marched from the said County of

Lunenburg, a few miles when we were countermanded back, we were marched back through the town of Petersburg, and further on through the state to a place called Cobham, where we were stationed a while, from thence to Williamsburg, where we were joined to the Army, or brigade, commanded by General Nelson, We were marched from thence to Burwell's ferry where we were stationed a few months; In the fall of the year 1777, we were ordered to March to Dumfries to be inoculated for the smallpox, and then we were to March to the northern states to join General Washington's main Army, but on the way to Dumfries it was concluded that those of the one year's men that would not reenlist should turn & go to Holston against the Indians. John Rudder & myself being unable to march, in consequence of our being sick we were left behind on furlough at a place called New Castle in Virginia with orders to march down & join our Company – that had marched to Holston, when we got well enough to march, but before we were able to march our Captain Samuel Garland returned home & gave us a discharge, our terms of service, of one year being expired. This discharge was sometime the latter part of the year 1777 or 1st of the year 1778.

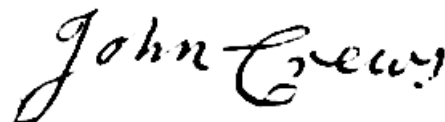
Given under my hand this 12th day of October 1832

S/ David Callaham



I John Crews of Halifax County and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and solemnly swear that I was well acquainted with John Rudder of the said County & State, during the Revolutionary War, that we both lived in the County of Lunenburg at the commencement of the war, and we were both drafted in the militia service in the month of July 1778 under Edward Broadnax (Captain) Richard Wyatt, Lieutenant) & Sterling Niblett (Ensign). We were marched through the Counties of Amelia, Chesterfield & Dinwiddie to Petersburg, from there across James River, on to Williamsburg and from there to York Town, where we were joined to the Brigade commanded by General Nelson, after which we were marched back to Williamsburg where we were discharged by Captain Broadnax after serving a tour of upwards of 2 months. After which I moved to the County of Halifax and sometime in the month of April or May in the year 1781, I was drafted and went into the service from the said County of Halifax and where and I arrived at Dandridge's old field I understood that the Lunenburg troops was there and I went to see if any of my acquaintances was there and among others I saw Mr. John Rudder who was there in the service and it being a time when the soldiers could not be discharged before Relief came, they all had to serve upwards of three months, and I suppose Mr. John Rudder served that length of time. Given under my hand this 27th day of November 1832

S/ John Crews



Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace, in and for the County of Halifax, and State of Virginia, John Rudder, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below; and in the following grades: –

For six months I served as a private; for two months I served as a corporal; for three weeks I served as a private; for three months I served as a Sergeant: and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ John L Jennings, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 21 days in the Virginia militia.]