

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rutherford S6038

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Virginia Louisa County SS

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of the County of Louisa now sitting John Rutherford a resident of said County and state aged seventy-two 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 was drafted into the service of the state of Virginia in the militia of the County of Goochland and served a tour of five weeks as a private, in the fall of 1777 in a company under Richard Bibb Captain, James Ware Lieutenant, Oby Smith [Obadiah Smith] Ensign – served at Wmsburg [Williamsburg] in York and was discharged at Richmond – salt no regulars – some militia but cannot recollect particulars and remembers Major Dandridge and General Nelson and was in no battle – that in November 1778 [last 2 digits very unclear] he substituted in the room of James Shepherd from the same County and served as a private in the company under John Curd at the Albemarle Barracks, a tour of five weeks – guarded the prisoners of War and the public Stores. Taylor commanded. That in the fall of 1779 he was again drafted and served as Sergeant in the company from the same County under Captain Hatcher [Thomas Hatcher] Lieutenant Rutherford [David Rutherford] a tour of two months – marched to Richmond thence to Min's ferry and there crossed the River, and then to Mackey's Mill, then to Nelson's [indecipherable word or words] then to Cabin Point – then to Petersburg and from there discharged – saw Majors Mc Gill and DeCloman & Colonel Harrison – saw no regulars except a party of Artillery, and recollects no militia in particular and was in no battle. That in the following summer he was again drafted from the same County and served in Captain Parrish's Company as Sergeant at the Albemarle Barracks a tour of five weeks – met no event of note was guarding the prisoners – salt some six months men – and was commanded by Colonel Taylor – That when Arnold [Benedict Arnold] invaded the state he was again drafted in the beginning of 1781 and served a tour of six weeks from the same County in the Company of Ted Curd as a private – marched towards Richmond and crossed the River just above it – then through Manchester to Shirley hundred and again crossed the River – then to Holt's Forge to Charles City Court House and there saw marks of the slaughter of some men by a party of the enemy the day before – then to Hickory neck Church then by Sandy .2 Cabin Point and was then discharged – that he forthwith substituted himself for one Solomon Williams from Goochland a private, but does not recollect the name of the officers and served 5 weeks – and remains at the same place till discharged – that in these 2 tours he does not recollect any regulars or any other Regiment of militia besides his own and that he thinks was commanded by Colonel Holcomb Richardson nor was he in any battle – that very soon after his return he was again drafted, and served a tour of 2 months in the company from Goochland under Captain Stokely Tolls [Stokely Towles] – that the

enemy under Arnold and Phillips [William Phillips] were on the James River and he served in the neighborhood of Richmond in keeping them in check – that he saw some merchant vessels burnt at Cock's fishing place and was frequently fired at by the enemy from their shipping – that he saw Lafayette and his Army and formed a junction with them at Richmond and remembers General Lafayette and Muhlenberg and one Nat Morris and Major Mosby who commanded his Regiment, that he was in no battle but was out pressing horses when there was a skirmish below Richmond between the troops and a vessel of the enemy and in this tour he was a private – that he never had a discharge and has no documentary evidence – that Aaron Parrish and John Richards can testify to some of his service and to the rest he can procure no testimony – that he cannot procure a clergyman's certificate but refers to [several names marked out and illegible] for his character – 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 –

Question 1 Where and in what year were you born?

In the County of Goochland 31st Jany 176

*31<sup>st</sup> Jan 176*

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

Has none

3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

At my father's on the three shops road in Goochland and have since removed to the County of Louisa and resides there now.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for home

I was drafted and substituted myself as stated in my declaration

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; Such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service

As to this question my statements above contain a correct answer

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

I never did had one

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

John S Fleming Esquire & Colonel C. Dabney

S/ John Rutherford



[John S Fleming and Charles Dabney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Goochland County SS

On this 16th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid John Richards<sup>1</sup> a resident of the said County and as appears to

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<sup>1</sup> [John Richards S15967](#)

be a credible person who being first duly sworn deposeth that John Rutherford ~~now~~ of Louisa County performed according to the best of his knowledge & recollection the following tours of duty during the Revolutionary War – viz.: 1st in 1777 at little York & Williamsburg under Captain Richard Bibb of Goochland County in the Battalion commanded by Major William Dandridge; 2nd Tour he substituted for James Shepherd as one of the Guard to the Convention Troops at Albemarle Barracks in the company commanded by Captain John Curd of Goochland County the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor. 3rd Tour in his own right in 1779 as one of the Guard at same place in the company commanded by Captain Humphrey Parrish of Goochland County – 4th Tour in fall 1780 under Captain Gideon Hatcher of Goochland the Colonel he thinks was \_\_ Harrison – 5th Tour under Captain Edward Curd of Goochland County in the early part of 1781 – upon his time expiring he substituted for Solomon Williams & served his 6th Tour but has no recollection of the names of any of the Officers – His 7th & last Tour of service was in the spring of 1781 under Captain Stokely Towles in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Morris. – From Richmond to Varina [?] & the Malvern Hills on James River – Sworn to before me the above date.

S/ Andrew Kean

Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 17th of November 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Aaron Parrish a resident of said County and as appears to me a credible person, who being 1st duly sworn deposeth, that he has known John Rutherford of the County of Louisa and now an applicant for a pension for many years that in the time of the revolution he served several tours in the militia with said Rutherford, but that his memory is so impaired by age that he recollects the [indecipherable word or words] tours of only 2; that they 1st was at and near Williamsburg and the 2nd at Cabin Point, that in the one tour he said Parrish was under Captain Massie and in the other Captain Curd. That he verily believes there were other tours in which he served with said Rutherford, and that the tours were of from 6 weeks to 2 months.

Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid –

S/ Jno Kean, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & sergeant for 10 months & 2 days in the Virginia militia.] And