

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archer Rudd S6040

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

On this 2nd day of November 1833 personally appeared before me Richard Thornton Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Archer Rudd a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged sixty-nine 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 was drafted as a private in the militia Service of the United States in the month of September 1778 in the County of Chesterfield & said State of Virginia, we were ordered to meet at Manchester where I was put under command of Creed Haskins (Captain) Robert Goode (Colonel) from there I was marched to Petersburg, and was stationed a short time at that place, from there I was marched through the County of Prince George into the County of Surry to Cabin Point where I was joined to the brigade commanded by General Robert Lawson and at which place I remained a while, after which I was marched to Smithfield where we were stationed a while, when I was marched to Mackey's Mill in the County of Nansemond, where I was discharged by General Lawson in the month of November after serving a tour of six weeks. I have no documentary evidence, but prove this tour by the affidavit of John Rudd, who served with me.

The next time I was called into service I was drafted in the said County of Chesterfield in the month of May 1779 under James Upshaw Captain, I was stationed at Chesterfield Court House to guard British prisoners, until sometime in the month of June when I was discharged by the arrival of relief guard, I was discharged by James Upshaw Captain after serving a tour of six weeks. I have no documentary evidence, but prove this tour by the affidavit of John Rudd who came to see me, while I was in service.

The next time I entered the service of the United States, I volunteered in the said County of Chesterfield in the month of August 1779, under create Haskins Captain, I was marched from Chesterfield into the County of Charles City, where I was placed under Colonel James Monroe, I was marched from the County of Charles City into the County of Surry to Cabin Point where I was stationed a while from there I was marched to Surry Court house where I was stationed some length of time, after which I was marched into the County of Isle of Wight, where I remained a while after which I was transferred from Colonel Monroe to Colonel Robert Goode & was marched to Petersburg, during this tour General Muhlenberg & General Steuben was with the troops that I served with, I was discharged at Petersburg I Colonel Goode, the last of November 1779 after serving a tour of three months. I have no documentary evidence, but prove this tour by the affidavit of John Rudd who came to see me while serving the above tour, and

came home with me after I was discharged. –

The next time I entered the Service of the United States I was drafted in the militia service as a private in the said County of Chesterfield in the month of May 1781 under Creed Haskins, Captain, Robert Goode, Colonel, I was stationed for some time at Randolph's mill in the County of Chesterfield until orders came to march & meet the British at Petersburg. I arrived in sight and saw them engaged in a battle [April 25, 1781], when I met the Americans retreating, when I was turned around & retreated also, from there I was marched to Chesterfield Court house, where we were pursued by the British, I was then marched to falling Creek Church where we were paraded for battle, but the British after burning Chesterfield Court house, the barracks & other buildings turned their course, after which time I was marched to the Coal Pits, from there I was marched into the County of Goochland, from thence to Richmond from thence to New Kent, then back to Richmond, I was all this time under the command of General Steuben, and at Richmond I was placed under command of General Muhlenberg where I was marched to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] where we were stationed and I became sick and was permitted to return home after serving a tour of two months. I have no documentary evidence, nor do I know of any person now living who can testify to my serving this tour.

The next time I entered the service I was drafted in the militia service in the month of January 1781 in the said County of Chesterfield under George Marcum, Captain, Francis Goode, Major, I was marched into the County of Surry to Cabin Point and stationed a while, from thence to Surry Courthouse, where I was also stationed a while, from there to James Town, from there to Williamsburg, and then marched immediately back to Surry Courthouse where I remained some time, when I was marched to Williamsburg where I was placed under command of Colonel Holt Richardson after remaining at that place for some time I was marched to York Town, where I remained until the surrender of Cornwallis on the 19th of October [1781] during which time I was wounded in the hip by a Bombshell, after the surrender I was discharged by Colonel Richardson after serving a tour of three months. I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person now living who can testify to my serving this tour.


My discharges are all lost or mislaid so that they cannot be come at.

I was born in the County of Chesterfield & State of Virginia the 17th day of December 1762 The register of my age is in a book belonging to my father, and extract of which is now in my possession, where I have lived until the year 1808, when I moved to the County of Halifax & said State of Virginia in which I have lived ever since.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archer Rudd



I John Rudd<sup>1</sup> of Prince Edward County & State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I lived with Archer Rudd in Halifax County & said State of Virginia, at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War. We then lived in the County of Chesterfield & said State of Virginia. And sometime in the year 1778, (as well as I can recollect) we were both drafted in the service of the

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S17065

United States & met at Manchester, from which place we were marched over the state to various places, until we served out a tour of six weeks. I also Certify that sometime after the above named tour the said Archer Rudd was drafted for the purpose of guarding British prisoners that was brought to Chesterfield Courthouse and while the said Archer was at Chesterfield Courthouse I went to see him, and he was then in the said service the length of time he then served I cannot say – <sup>but I suppose it to be six weeks</sup>. I also Certify that the said Archer Rudd volunteered in the said service of the United States and during his volunteer tour I visited him while in the service and at Petersburg Virginia he was discharged and came home with me. This tour <sup>was three months and</sup> I suppose to have been sometime in the year 1779. I also Certify the said Archer Rudd was always reputed & believed to have served various other tours of duty in the said Service of the United States – particularly at the siege of York, where I also understood he was, and where he got wounded in the hip.

Given under my hand this 17th day of October 1832

S/ John Rudd, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rudd Sr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months and 24 days in the Virginia militia.]