

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Finch Ragland S7344

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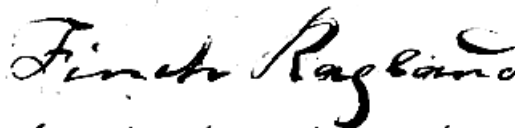
State of Virginia County of Goochland to wit

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Goochland County, Finch Ragland a resident of the County of Goochland & State of Virginia 69 years old: 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 of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he was born in the County of Hanover State of Virginia on the first day of February 1763 as appears by his register kept by his father & which Register he has often seen, that he continued to reside in the County of Hanover and in March 1779 he enlisted in Captain Benjamin Timberlake's Company of Louisa County, Captain Timberlake having resigned; the command devolved upon Lieutenant Richard White, that he was marched to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle where he remained in service in assisting in guarding the Convention Troops under Burgoyne, that the said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bland, Colonel Francis Taylor, and occasionally by Colonel Fontaine and Major Roberts, the said Finch Ragland further states that he continued in service until the 6th day of March 1780 being in constant service one year and one day, as he thinks he enlisted on the 5th day of March 1779 of the preceding year. The said Finch Ragland further states that he was discharged regularly from service by Colonel Francis Taylor at the Barracks that the discharge he obtained in writing & afterwards sold it to a certain Thomas Elmore for 6 or \$7, which money was not paid at the time & he has never got; that Thomas Elmore got the discharge & went off in 3 or 4 weeks to the State of Kentucky. He the said Finch Ragland hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn & subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Finch Ragland



State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 22nd day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the court of the County of aforesaid now sitting Finch Ragland a resident of said County and state aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following renewed Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 –

That on the 5th of March 1779, and before he had been put on the muster roll, he enlisted

in Louisa County Virginia for twelve months under Captain Benjamin Timberlake to serve at the Barracks in Albemarle – Marched to the Barracks and in a few months Captain Timberlake resigned and Richard White was made Captain – served under him the whole time of his enlistment in guarding the prisoners of War; drew pay and regimentals, and was discharged on the 6th of March 80. Colonel Taylor commanded Fontaine was Lieutenant Colonel and Roberts Major – White was Lieutenant at first and then he was promoted Dick Pollock was made Lieutenant. That when he made his former Declaration he was advised that he could not claim for militia duty at the same time with regular service, and that consequently he did not claim anything for three tours which he afterwards served in the Militia of his State – That he returned from the Barracks to Hanover County Virginia and in a very short time he was drafted for the Militia of that County under Captain Elisha Meredith – Marched to Williamsburg and was stationed chiefly at that place and was employed in guarding the place. Nelson or Matthews was Colonel and he does not recollect any regular troops or any other Militia regiments in particular. Was in no battle and recollects no event of note. Served 2 months and was discharged – That in a few months after his return he thinks in the month of August of the same year, he was again drafted and marched from the same County under the command of a Hanover officer, to Proper's, and was there put under the command of Captain Dudley of New Kent – Marched to Williamsburg, then to the Halfway House and then into the neighborhood of Hampton and was stationed there some time and then returned to Williamsburg. Matthews he thinks was Colonel and Nelson General – thinks there were regular troops but cannot recollect particulars – recollects no militia regiments in particular and was in no battle. Served two months and was discharged. That at the time of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion he was again drafted from the militia of the same County – marched to Richmond and was attached to the company of Captain Woodson from the South side of James River marched to Hanover Town thence to New Castle through New Kent to Charles City Courthouse saw at that place hats scattered about and blood on the walls of the house and many other signs of recent battle – marched thence to the Mobbing Hills [Malvern Hills], stayed there some time – served two months and was discharged – Cannot recollect any other field officers that his Colonel who he thinks was William Nelson of King William – remembers no regular or militia troops in particular though there were troops of both kinds in service and that he was in no battle. That he was always a private. That he signed his discharge from the regular tour and that he never had any other and has no documentary evidence. That he can procure credible witnesses to his service at the Barracks and also can prove his militia service and that he refers to the Reverend Lewis Chaudoin [could be Lewis Chandoin or Lewis Chawdoin] and G. Southworth for his character and the reputation of his services.

To Question 1st he answers in Hanover Virginia in 1763.

To Question 2nd I have no record of my age –

To Question 3rd in Hanover County Virginia – since the Revolutionary war in Goochland County Virginia

To Question 4th I enlisted for my 1st tour & was drafted for the others

To Question 5th answered to the satisfaction of the Court

To Question 6th – I received a discharge from Colonel Taylor which I assigned – in the militia I had no written discharge –

To Question 7th – Lewis Chaudoin & George Southworth, Doctor Andrew Kean.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or

Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Finch Ragland

[Lewis Chaudoin, a clergyman, and George Southworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Hanover County to wit

This day Norment Harvey<sup>1</sup> shown on the pension roll of the United States as a soldier of the Revolution believed by me to be a credible witness personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that Finch Ragland of Goochland County Virginia, served three tours of duty in the militia Corps in the year 1781 of two months each, to wit, the first tour under the command of Captain Elisha Meredith of Hanover, the second under command of Captain Woodson whose given name or place of residence is not recollected the third and last tour of duty under the command of Captain Dudley of the County of New Kent. But at what particular times or places the said Ragland was discharged from the aforesaid service this affiant has no distinct recollection, nor does he recollect for what expedition the said Ragland was called into the aforesaid service.

Given under my hand this 4th day of December 1833

S/ Benjamin Wingfield

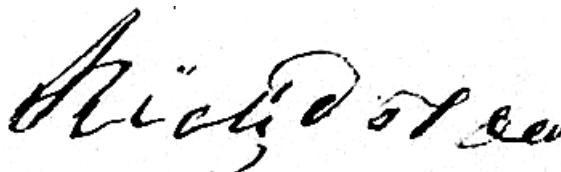
State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

But be it known that before me John Ware a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Richard Toles a resident of the said County and as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn deposeth, that he has long known in ancient Ragland of the same County, who now sues for a pension, and that said Ragland served one year in the time of the Revolution in the years 78, 80 at the Albemarle Barracks with him, in the company of Timberlake and then of Captain white, and was a private in the infantry.

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of August 1833 before me.

S/ Jno. Ware, JP

S/ Rich'd Toles



State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

Be it known that on this 19th day of August 1833 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Zachariah Alvis,<sup>2</sup> a resident of said County and State, and as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, That he has known Finch Ragland of said County of Goochland now sues for a pension since his boyhood that in the time of the Revolution he served three tours at the Albemarle Barracks guarding the prisoners of War, that each time he was there he saw said Ragland in the service a private in Timberlake's Company of Regulars, that he understood Ragland was enlisted, that he recollects said Ragland's drawing regimentals and that he verily believes he served the time –

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S38005

<sup>2</sup> [Zachariah Alvis S8015](#)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Underwood, JP

S/ Zachariah Alvis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]