

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christley Kapplinger S8776

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State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

On this 21st day of August in the year 1832 – Personally appeared in Open Court before Joseph Cravens, David Hinton, George Clarke & Augustus Waterman – The Justices of the County Court and composing the County Court of Rockingham now sitting – Christley Kapplinger a resident of the said County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged eighty-two years the 10th day of March last past, 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in 1750 and was brought to Rockingham County State of Virginia by his parents about Eighty years since where he has continued to & now resides.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service of the United States as a Drafted Militia man about the close of the year 1780, under Captain George Riddle [George Ruddle] & Colonel Nall [William Nolle or Nail], served at Edmonds Hill Virginia & in the State of South Carolina under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], served three months was regularly discharged in South Carolina received no written discharge.

That he entered the service of the United States the second time as a Drafted Militia Man in the year 1781 under Captain Cowyer or Cooker [perhaps Captain Michael Coger of Rockingham County militia], was marched immediately to the neighborhood of York Town Virginia and served there during the Investment siege & Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], was under the command of General Washington, the Commander in Chief during this tour, served 3 months was regularly discharged but received no written discharge.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he can prove his services as aforesaid by a certain John Moore a very old man whose attendance he endeavored to procure but could not, that he can prove by many others that he was drafted twice & went into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That 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 or Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Christley Kapplinger, X his mark

[William Bryan, a clergyman, and Richard Custer Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]