

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Lonas S8848

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State of Virginia Frederick County: SS

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Frederick County now sitting George Lonas, a resident of the County of Frederick 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the fall of the year 1780 in Woodstock Shenandoah County Virginia under Captain Jacob Rinker in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Reed. That George Rinker was his Lieutenant and one Keller Ensign. That he marched from Woodstock to Thornsburry where he laid 2 or 3 weeks – from thence he was marched to near Charleston SC where he joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene]. He marched about through the country and was engaged in several skirmishes. That he stayed in South Carolina upwards of six months when he marched with a detachment that guarded prisoners to Albemarle County in the State of Virginia and arrived in Woodstock in the spring of the year 1781 where he was discharged having served the full term of nine months. That he recollects that General Stephens [Edward Stevens] & Major Stubblefield were with the Army when he joined it. That he never received a written discharge. That he has no evidence of his service except the receipt and affidavit of Absalom Rinker hereto annexed. 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.

And in answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he states as follows:

To the 1<sup>st</sup>. I was born in the City of Philadelphia in the year 1764.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have a record of my age at home.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was living in Shenandoah County when called into service; & have lived in Frederick County Virginia since the revolutionary war.

To the 4<sup>th</sup>. I was drafted.

To the 5<sup>th</sup>. General Stephens, Major Stubblefield are all he recollects.

To the 6<sup>th</sup>. That he never received a written discharge.

To the 7<sup>th</sup>. Jacob Guard, George Lemley, John Lemley

S/ George Lonas, X his mark

April the 9<sup>th</sup> 1787. Then Received of Jacob Rinker the Sum of nine pounds seventeen shillings

& four pence in a specie Certificate in full for my Services in the Militia in the said Rinker's Company on Duty to the Southward in the year 1780 & '81. Received by me  
S/ George Lonas, X his mark

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Virginia Shenandoah County to wit

I Absalom Rinker personally appeared before the Subscriber a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that the above is a true copy from the original receipt contained in a receipt book he lately found among the papers of his father Jacob Rinker Senior deceased for whom the said Absalom Rinker his administrator and that the receipt book aforesaid contains the receipts of sundry persons of the Character of the above. And I do certify that the said Absalom Rinker is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

S/ Sam. Ott

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]