

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Rymer S9469

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[State of Virginia, County of Pendleton]

On the 2nd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County court of Pendleton now sitting George Rymer a resident of said County in the State of Virginia aged 80 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 acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following names officers and served as here in stated. He was born in England about the year 1755 and immigrated to this country in the year 1772 and entered the service of the U. States in the County of Augusta as a private soldier and was drafted to perform a tour of three months against the British in a company of militia commanded by Captain Gibbons or Givens. He was marched with said company to Richmond and they were stationed near Rocket's landing. He served until the time for which he was drafted and was with his company regularly discharged. He returned home. He was again drafted at Staunton in the County of Augusta in the month of January 1781, for three months and was marched to Guilford Courthouse in the regiment commanded by Col. George Moffett and in a company commanded by Capt. James Bell. He served until the expiration of the three months and was regularly discharged at Guilford Courthouse and returned home to Augusta. He was again drafted in the County of Augusta in the fall of the year 1781 and marched to Richmond in a company of militia commanded by Cat. Patrick Buckhannon and in the regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Vance. He was marched from Richmond to Hanover Courthouse and there met the prisoners who were taken at York Town and was from thence, one of the guard who assisted in conveying the prisoners to Winchester Virginia and was there regularly discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his services never having received a written or printed discharge but expects to prove the greater part of his service by a living witness who served with him. He hereby relinquishes any claim 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 and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

George Rymer, X his mark

And the County do hereby release their opinion that the above named applicant was Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

Pendleton County Sct.

This day Jacob Hevner and Jacob Seybert appeared in court and made oath that they are well acquainted with George Rymer above named that they live in his neighborhood and they cannot say of their own knowledge that he Was a soldier in the Revolution, yet from common report in the neighborhood they believe he was --subscribed and sworn to in open court.

S/ Jacob Hevner, X his mark

S/ Jacob Seybert

The affidavit of Smith Thompson¹ taken before me John B. Breckenridge a Justice of the peace for the County of Augusta and State of Virginia. This affiant deposes and says that George Rymer who is about to apply to the County Court of Pendleton for a pension under the Act of Congress was drafted together with this affiant at Staunton in the County of Augusta in the month of January in the year 1781 and marched to Guilford Courthouse in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Moffett and Captain James Bell's Company; this draft was for three months, which this affiant and the said Rymer served out together and returned home together to the County of Augusta. This affiant states that the said Rymer served at another time for three months preceding the surrender of Cornwallis but he does not know in whose Regiment but Rymer's Captain upon this last tour was Captain Buckhannon, this affiant was discharged at York Town at the expiration of three months and returned home; but the said Rymer was one of the guard as this affiant knows of his personal knowledge who escorted the prisoners to Winchester in the State of Virginia, this affiant knew the said Rymer will for 20 years during his residence in the County of Augusta and further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand and seal as a justice of the peace for the County of Augusta and the State of Virginia this 5th day of July 1833.

S/ John B. Breckenridge

[Facts in file: Veteran died November 30, 1845; there are no family data in this file.]

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

¹ [Smith Thompson S38438](#)