

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Ringo W10174

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State of Kentucky Henry County: Sct.

Be it known that on this 20th day of September 1833 personally appeared before William McCracken a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Henry Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court Cornelius Ringo a resident of said County of Henry aged eighty years and upwards who from bodily infirmity cannot attend the proper court to make his declaration and who being 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 7th of June 1833.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Prince William County Virginia in the year 1776 as well as he remembers he went to the State of South Carolina on a visit and whilst there in the spring of the year 1776 he thinks in April as well as he remembers he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the Company of Captain Daniel Mackey upon a tour of three months and was immediately appointed by his Captain orderly Sergeant of the said company – that he rendezvoused with his said company toward the head of Broad River in said State – that he has forgotten the name of his Colonel – that he was marched from his said place of rendezvous to the Savannah River and opposite the town of Augusta which was on the other side of the River in the State of Georgia he joined the Army under the Command of General Lincoln. That the British troops were some distance below towards the mouth of the River and the Tories in the Country were exceedingly troublesome and required a great deal of watching and frequent chastisement. He states that he was kept stationed with the American Troops opposite the said Town of Augusta during the whole of his said tour and at the termination thereof he returned to his relations in South Carolina having received his discharge. He states that he has forgotten the name of the County in which his said relations lived in South Carolina.

He further states and declares that soon after his return from the Army as above named that is to say in the month of July in the year of 1776 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Captain Daniel Mackey the same Captain under whom my 1st service was performed – that the Company thus raised was designed to act against the Tories exclusively and the men were under the command of no higher officer than the Captain – that the term of service was indefinite it being the designed to put down the Tories on Broad River and protect the country from their depredations – that he was marched by his Captain with his said company on Broad River against them and continued in the service hunting them up and punishing them for at least one month and was then discharged by his said Captain and returned to his home in Prince William County Virginia.

He further states and declares that in the month of June 1780 [last digit unclear could be

1781] as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Captain Mathews – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Court-house in Prince William County Virginia in which County he still resided and was marched from thence down to the Potomac River and was there kept for the purpose of protecting the country from the depredations of the British during his tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home. He does not think that he was under the command of any higher officer than Captain during this tour.

East states that from his advanced age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state with as much precision and certainty as he could desire his services but from his present best recollection he served in the manner and at the times above set forth and for the different periods mentioned and that he did not serve less than 3 months as a Sergeant and 4 months as a private soldier during the revolutionary war and for those services he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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/ Cornelius Ringo, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the named applicant by the said William McCracken Justice of the peace as aforesaid

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was Born in the state of New Jersey near Penneytown [?] <sup>1</sup> in 1753

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have no record of it myself the record is in my Brother's possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I was a resident of Prince William County Virginia when I was called into the Service though upon my two first tours I was upon the visit to the State of South Carolina where I entered the service under them I continued in Prince William County Virginia for some years after the war and then moved to Fayette County Kentucky where I lived a few years & then I moved to Montgomery County Kentucky and from thence to where I now live in the present County of Henry where I have continued to reside for 34 years past.

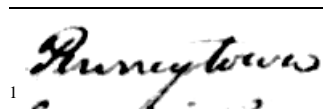
4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – Upon my first two tours I was a volunteer – upon my last I was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. My memory has failed may so much that I have forgotten the names of most of the officers whom I knew – I recollect however to have seen General Lincoln & colonels Bradley & Shreve who were regular officers I think and some militia officers whose names were Harper & Johnson who were colonels I think – upon my 1st tour I was stationed with the Army in South Carolina on the Savannah River opposite Augusta. Upon my 2nd tour I was engaged against the

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<sup>1</sup> could be Runeytown, but couldn't find anything under either name

Tories on Broad River in South Carolina. Upon my 3rd and last tour I was marched from Prince William Court house Virginia to the Potomac River and was there kept engaged in protecting the country from the incursions of the British.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received one or more discharges signed by my officers which I have lost.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I will name James Martin and Aaron Ray

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Cornelius Ringo, X his mark

[James Martin, a clergyman, and Aaron Rhea gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 4: On October 1, 1838 in Henry County Kentucky, Sarah Ringo, 64, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Cornelius Ringo, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him July 26, 1792 in Bourbon County Kentucky; that her husband died September 30, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 23: On June 22, 1839 in Henry County Kentucky, the widow filed another application. This one purports to have her signature as follows

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 4 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]