

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Routon¹ W10242

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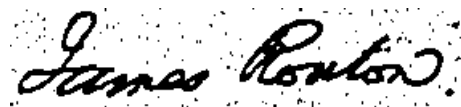
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[f p. 16]

State of Virginia, Buckingham County, to wit

On this 14th day of August 1832 appeared in Open Court before John T. Bocoock, John Morris, Jesse Holman, William Walton and Nathaniel Lancaster justices of the Court of said County now sitting James Routon a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, he was a drafted militia man from the State of Virginia Buckingham County under Captain William Curd of said County and State on 1st of March 1779 marched to the Barracks then in Albemarle County Virginia and served six weeks and discharged by Captain William Curd; was a drafted Militia man from Buckingham County Virginia on 1st of August 1780 marched to Petersburg Virginia, there fell under Captain Edwin [?] and commanded by Colonel Buford [presumably Abraham Buford] marched from there to Hillsborough North Carolina, and in that tour served four months, and was discharged by Colonel Buford at that place: was a drafted Militia man from Buckingham County Virginia in 1781 in February under Captain John Chambers from Buckingham County Virginia marched to Guilford North Carolina, was in the battle at that place [March 15, 1781], after a retreat, turned and pursued the British to Ramsay's Mill and commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] and General Lawson [Robert Lawson] and served seven weeks and was there discharged, by General Lawson, all of which discharges by time and accident have been lost or mislaid, he acted as a corporal during his time of service at the barracks in Albemarle Virginia and during his term of service at Guilford North Carolina, making three months and one week; he was born in King and Queen County Virginia, lived in the County of Buckingham Virginia when called into service, he now lives in the County of Buckingham Virginia and has there lived ever since the revolutionary war, and he has no documentary evidence of his service, he was born 1st day of March 1762 as he always understood from his parents and as appears from their birth register a copy of which he has now at home, 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.

S/ James Routon




¹ BLWt40692-160-55

[Olive Branch and John Raine gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I do hereby Certify that I know the fact that John Routon was in the Revolutionary war and served in the service.

S/ Olive Branch²



[f p. 40]

State of Virginia: Buckingham County to wit

The amendment to the declaration of James Routon, for a pension made the 12th day of August 1832, On this 12th day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before John Morris, William Moseley, William W Ferguson, & Robert S. Gray Justices of the court of said County, now sitting, James route and a resident of said County and State of Virginia aged 70 years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the original in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, who further states that the following men live in his neighborhood who are known to him, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: Claiborne Harris, Silas Williams, Richard Gilliam, James Patterson and Joel Walking.

S/ James Routon

[William Moore, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

I do hereby us certify that in the year 1781 in the month of February I marched from Cumberland County Virginia and was at Guilford North Carolina and in the battle at that place under Generals Green and Lawson, I know James Routon of Buckingham County Virginia and know that he served in that tour, and was in that battle and have no doubt but he served as stated in his original declaration.

S/ F. McCraw³ [Francis McCraw]

I John Patterson also state that I was at the battle at Guilford North Carolina and marched from the County of Buckingham Virginia with James Routon of said County and State, Served with him in that tour and believe that he served not less than 6 or 7 weeks in that tour.

The above sworn to before me a justice of the peace for the County of Rockingham given under my hand & seal this 11 March 1833.

S/ Nat. Lancaster

[f p. 12: On May tend, 1855 in Buckingham County Virginia, Eliza Routon, 45, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Routon stating that she married him in Buckingham County Virginia September 26, 1836; that they were married by William Hendrick,



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³ FPA W2406

a Methodist clergyman; that her name prior to her marriage was Eliza McCormack; that her husband died in Buckingham County Virginia May 18, 1852 and that she remains his widow.

Eliza McCormack]

[f p. 9: On September 10, 1855 in Buckingham County Virginia, Eliza Routon, 45, widow of James Routon, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that her husband was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him September 26, 1836; that they were married by William Hendrick, a Methodist clergyman; that her husband died May 18, 1852.]

[f p. 7: Certificate issued by the clerk of the County Court of Buckingham County Virginia that the documents in his file show that a license dated September 19, 1836 was issued for the marriage of James Routon and Elizabeth McCormack.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one month and 12 days and as a corporal for 5 months and 19 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]