

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Maximillian Rector W2002

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Roane County: Maximillian Rector maketh [oath] that he entered the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War as a private enlisted Soldier under the command of Captain John Ashby under whom he enlisted in the year of our Lord 1776 for the Term of two years Captain Ashby's Company was attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Marshall [Thomas Marshall]. In said Term he was at the Battle of Brandywine on the 11th of September 1777 and the Battle of Germantown on the 4th of October 1777 and on their March to the Valley Forge Captain Ashby resigned and Valentine Paton [Valentine Peyton] was appointed Captain under whom he remained for the Term of three years Captain Paton's Company was attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Nevell [John Neville] in said Term he was at the Battle of Monmouth on the 28th of June 1778 and he continued in the service until the Siege of Charlestown [Charleston] in South Carolina where he was taken prisoner by General Clinton on the 12th of May 1780 where Captain Paton fell In consequence of which he never had any Regular discharge. And that he his [is] in the low indigent Circumstances and Stands in need of the aid and Assistance of the United States for his Support. And that he draws no pension from the United States or elsewhere and that hereby relinquishes all right all claim he has or may have to any pension except the one asked for here.

S/ Maximillian Rector, X his mark

State of Tennessee McMinn County: Seventh Judicial Circuit October Term 1823

On this 21st day of October 1823 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of McMinn, Maximillian the Rector age sixty-five years a resident Citizen of McMinn County In the State of Tennessee, who being first sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, he enlisted for two years and a Company of regulars commanded by Captain John Ashby in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall and that he was in Battle of Brandywine and also in the Battle of Germantown under the command of Captain Ashby and Colonel Marshall, and that fall which was 1777 he enlisted for three years with a Captain Valentine Paton in the same Regiment then commanded by Colonel John Nevil and was in the Battle at Monmouth in June 1778 and the fall or winter of 1779 marched to Charleston South Carolina and was taken prisoner when the Town surrendered to the British troops, that he lost his Certificate and has a duplicate dated April 14th 1821 he identified himself the 14th of September 1818 and has drawn two pavements. The No. of the original Certificate is not in the duplicate and cannot be inserted here, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed

of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Maximillian Rector, X his mark

No land 1 Negro woman about 26 years of age and one boy child 8 months old one old mare one cow and calf and 3 hogs and note debts due to me. Occupation a farmer and not able to do much at that, his wife named Mary aged 60 years very sickly and [indecipherable word] children nor any more of family.

S/ Maximillian Rector, X his mark

Sworn to declared upon and subscribed in open Court on the 21st day of October 1823 before Charles F. Keith, Judge of said Court

S/ Samuel M. Gantt, Clerk [who certified that court valued the property of the soldier as follows the Negro woman and child \$450, mare \$50, cow and calf \$10, hogs \$9 total \$519]

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State of Tennessee

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 18th of May 1828, I Maximillian Rector of the County of McMinn and State aforesaid do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination (viz.) I was taken Prisoner of War at the siege of Charleston in the state of South Carolina and was retained as such Prisoner of War until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in the State of Virginia and until an exchange of Prisoners took place when I was released at which period I was a private in Captain Valentine Payton's Company in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the Reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a Resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States nor have I been on the same since the 3rd day of March 1826.

Witness my hand this 21st day of July in the year 1828

S/ Maximillian Rector, X his mark

[Charles Mattock and Henry Mattock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: Circuit Court October Term 1830

On the 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord 1830, personally appeared in open Court being a court of record in and for said County Maximillian Rector aged 72 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows.

That he enlisted in Captain John Ashby's Company of Infantry in the 3rd Regiment in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Thomas Martial [Thomas Marshall] and he served out two years the term of his enlistment and at White March Hills in the State of Pennsylvania he enlisted for the term of three years under

Captain Valentine Paton in the said 3rd Regiment which was then commanded by Colonel John Neville, and served out the aforesaid term of three years. That he was in the Battles which were fought at Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston and remained a prisoner of War until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. That he was put on the pension list as per duplicate certificate, which bore date the 11th day of April 1821.

And he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

To wit 240 acres of land which was entered in the Entry-Takers office 80 acres at 25 cents per acre in which there is between 15 and 20 acres tillable though very poor, Rocky and unproductive, the balance is not fit for cultivation – the other 160 acres entered at one cent per acre, on which there is no land fit for cultivation entered merely for firewood and outlet

all of which is worth	\$100.00
5 head of cattle 2 of which	18.00
6 head of sheep 3 of which are lambs	4.50
11 head of hogs 9 of which are small pigs	4.00
1 ax part wood worth	1.25
1 plow nearly worn out	1.00
1 pair of drawing chains nearly worn out	.50
2 small weeding hoes of and in different quality	.10
Household and Kitchen furniture	5.00
The debts I oh and am bound to pay	21.00

My family consists of the following persons to wit my wife Mary aged 67 years and very infirm and subject to rheumatism, at times has to be assisted when she wishes to move. One free to woman of color and child, the woman formerly belonged to make, and obtained her freedom in the State of Ohio. She is delirious or a lunatic and wishes to live with me that I may instruct and manage for her.

My occupation is that of a farmer though at this time not able to work, subject to pains and diseases incident to old age.

S/ Maximillian Rector, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Roane County: July Sessions of the County Court on the 29th day of July 1831

Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record in and for said County Landon Rector who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he is well acquainted with Maximilian Rector of McMinn County Tennessee and with his property and that the two Negroes and one woman and a child who lives with him the said Maximilian is free and obtained their freedom in the State of Ohio and the said Maximilian does not nor has he exercised ownership over them since he went to the State of Ohio and this affiant further states that the woman is insane and not capable of supporting herself and child and this affiant further states

that the two Negroes above alluded to all Negroes that the said Maximilian has or has had in his possession or about him for 16 or 18 years.

Sworn to in open Court 29th of July 1831

S/ Landon Rector



[f p. 10: On April 8, 1853 in McMinn County Tennessee, Elizabeth Rector, 85, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Maximilian Rector, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him September 4, 1845; that her husband died August 12, 1850. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's name prior to her marriage to the veteran was Mary Elizabeth Dothera [sic, Mary Elizabeth Detherow, the widow of John Detherow]; the veteran and his widow were married by Jesse Benton, Esq.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 14, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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The [Library of Virginia](#) in its online digital collection of documents relating to bounty land claims honored by it contains the following document relating to this veteran:

This is to certify Maximilian Rector a Soldier in the 3rd Virginia Regiment enlisted in the said Regiment in March 1776 and was regularly discharged the 1st day of December 1780 he received his Wages in paper Currency seven hundred and seventy-nine [dollars] since the said time he has not received anything.

S/ John Blackwell, Capt.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment

[Above is true copy from the Original lodged in this office  
Auditor's Office Oct. [?] 19, 1784  
Edmund B. Lacy]

[In addition, in a separate file, there is a petition from Rector dated September 1711 him in which he seeks the bounty land due him for his services and describes his services as set forth in his pension applications transcribed above. This document does purport to be signed by Maximilian Rector and bears the signature as follows

