

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Randall W26354 Elizabeth Randall MD
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Virginia
Harrison County

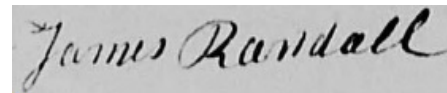
On the 22nd day of Augt in the year 1832 Personally appeared in open court, before the justices of said County of Harrison in court now sitting James Randall, aged seventy one years who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was born and raised in the County of Kent and State of Maryland where he continued to reside during the War of the Revolution that in the month of Aprile in the year 1777 he volenteered in the service of the United States, in a company commanded by Capt. Isaac Perkins, and Lieut Phillip Reed of the County and State aforesaid.

That he marched to the Bay Shore near the town of Chester, that he was employed under the above named officers marching up and down the Bay Shore to prevent the landing of the enemy, and to protect the inhabitants from there depradations. That they frequently exchanged shots with the enemy but believes little injury was sustained by either party. That he never was directly engaged in any Battle during said service.

The he was in the service at the time and near the place where Chany Claw was hanged [sic: Cheney Clow, a Loyalist convicted for a murder in 1778 but not hanged until after 1787] that the company to which he belonged was not attached to any other during his continuace in the service. That he was not acquainted with any Regular officer except General Washington, who he remembers to have seen several times. That he did not receive a written discharge but that he was discharged by his Capt. orally after having served eight months That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove the above servises. That he removed from maryland to Fayette Pa. Thence to Monongalia County Virginia thence to Harrison County Va. where he now resides. That he is known to Benj. J Brice, Benjamin Reeder John L Sehorn, and various other gentlemen residing in the said County of Harrison to whom reference may be had

He the said applicant James Randall 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



[Certified by Hamilton Goss and Joseph J Winter, and by Jacob Coplin as Justice of the Peace.]

[On 19 Nov 1832 James Randall was issued a certificate for a pension of \$26.66 per year for eight months service. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth. Singleton wrote on this report, "Entitled."]

James Randle. \$26 66 –

July 9, 1834. Mr. Randle gave the following narative of his age & Revo. services to Wit – he is in his 73rd year of age, – during the Revolutionary war (cant recollect the year) he volunteered under Capt Isaac Perkins in Kent county Maryland and Rendezvoused at Chester town – marched through queens county [sic: Queen Annes County?] to Kent Island. was engaged in guarding the shore from Kent Island to almost the head of the Bay – he was eight months in this service, his Lieut. was Phillip Reed. his Ensign John Kennard. there was but the one company – it was a large one cant remember the number, after this service was performed he was detailed as a Minute Man, for two years, but cant pretend to say

how long he was in actual service whilst a Minute Man. not long –

Col. Jos. Johnson wrote his declaration. charged him \$20. – gave him in substance the statement now given except as to the service as a minute man, of which he said nothing –

In testimony that the above statement contains the truth I hereto subscribe my name.

July 9, 1834

James Randle

A true copy

W. G Singleton/ Nov. 18, 1834

War Department/ Pension Office/ March 12 1835

Sir [Nathan Goff Esq, who assisted Singleton in many investigations]

James Randall of Harrison County, alleges to have served for Eight months as a militia man, continuously during the war of the revolution in the State of Maryland.

This statement is contrary to all historical fact in connexion with the Militia Service of that State. [See endnote] Payment cannot be resumed until some further explanation or proof is furnished.

I am Respectfully/ Your Ob. Servant/ J L Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

Clarksburg Sept 11 1835

Sir [Edwards] Mr Randall has called on me this day, – Still avers that he did serve 8 months, under Capt Isaac Perkins, – he states he thinks it likely he did not valonteer but for 6 months, – but was continued in servic 2 months after his 6 m was up.

I was not present when Mr Singleton examined this man, – but I recollect that he so informed me, that he though Mr Radall was entiteled to more than he was drawing, –

I am acquainted with Mr Randall & think he would not make a wrong representation of his services intentionally,--

I have just had conversation with Mr R,– and do think he served 8 months but not as he first represented, – but continued in the army 2 M after his tour expired, – from the histry of his whole servises which he now relates to me I beleive he is entiteled to more than what he is drawing, I hope you will continue him, and why I hope it is because I believe him duely & justly entiteled

Very Respectfully yours/ Nathan Goff

[Nathan Goff frequently assisted in Singleton's investigations.]

NOTES:

James L. Edwards often assumed that because state laws limited *drafted* tours of militia duty to a few months each, *voluntary* tours were never longer. Numerous pension applications show that militiamen on the Delmarva Peninsula often served for many months at a time.

On 14 Oct 1853 Elizabeth Randall, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married James Randall on 6 April 1816, and he died on 20 March 1853. On 13 Jan 1858 J. W. Janes, one of the children and heirs of Elizabeth Randall, assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits still due.