

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dudley Ragland W5662 Margaret S. f36VA
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State of Virginia Goochland County to wit

On this 26th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Goochland County now sitting, Jackson Mills Exr. [executor] of Dudley Ragland deceased who was a resident of said County and State, and who was at the time of his death aged 71 [could be 70] as he the said Executor verily believes, and he the said Executor being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for his testator's estate the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He states that he the said Executor has been often informed & verily believes that his testator entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered in the state Troop of Virginia in the year 1778 or 1779 in Captain Barret's company of Louisa County – Captain Barret having resigned the command evolved on Lieutenant Samuel O. Pettus [Samuel O. Pettis], the said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frances Taylor, Colonel Bland and occasionally by Colonel Fountain and Major Roberts. He further states that the Regiment first marched to Albemarle Barracks, six miles distant from Charlottesville where the Troops were engaged for some time in Guarding the prisoners taken under General Burgoyne. The Troops then marched through the Counties of Orange, Culpeper, Fauquier, Frederick & Berkeley, in the latter County they were some time engaged in the same duty at the Village of Shipherds Town [Shepherdstown] until they returned to Winchester in Frederick County where he was regularly and only [honorably?] discharged by Colonel Taylor which discharge is either lost or mislaid. This Executor & affiant states that he has heard his Testator say that he was with the troops in marching and countermarching as aforesaid and remained in service from early in February 1779 until May 1781 when he was discharged as aforesaid. And that the said Dudley Ragland died on the 17th day of June 1832.

He the said Jackson Mills Executor of Dudley Ragland deceased hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, on the part of the Testator to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his Testator's name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jackson Mills, Executor
of Dudley Ragland deceased

Goochland County to wit

This day Richard Toles personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and made oath that he was in the service with the within named Dudley Ragland and knows that he performed the services as set forth by his Executor Jackson Mills in the within declaration.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1832
S/ John Underwood

[f p. 11: On October 12, 1840 in Goochland County Virginia, Margaret S Ragland, 75, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Dudley Ragland a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner for his service in that war; that she married him October 23, 1788; that her husband died June 17, 1832.

Margaret S. Ragland]

[f p. 12: On October 12, 1840 in Goochland County, Captain William Thompson gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Dudley Ragland and Margaret S Thompson; that the marriage took place October 23, 1788.]

[Facts in file: The widow died November 18, 1844 leaving children but their names are not stated in the documents in this file. The widow is referred to as Peggy or Margaret S Thompson or Thomson.]

[f p. 25: copy of the marriage bond issued to Dudley Ragland and Richard Mallory October 18, 1788 in Hanover County Virginia for the marriage of Dudley Ragland, bachelor, to Peggy Thomson, Spinster.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per Adam commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]