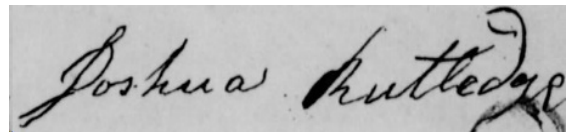


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Rutledge W708 Elizabeth Brooks MD
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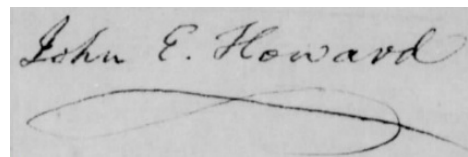
State of Maryland
City of Baltimore SS.

On this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen personally appeared before me the undersigned, Joshua Rutledge, residing in Harford County and State of Maryland, aged Sixty years or thereabouts, an applicant for a pension under the late 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", and then and there made the following declaration on Oath, by me administered, "that he entered in to the service of the United States on the continental establishment (after previously being one campaign as a Volunteer) as a Lieutenant and in Capt. Edward Oldhams Company 4th Maryland Regiment, commanded by Col Josias Carver Hall [sic: Josias Carvil Hall] about the month of April 1780, mustered in said Regiment at Petersburg in Virginia, about the first of May following when General Baron DeKalb commanded, but was soon after succeeded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates – was present and took part at the battle of Cambden in the month of August [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], where he was wounded and taken prisoner – carried first to Eddisto [sic: Edisto] Island, ordered back to Charleston, from thence sent to Hattrells point [sic: Haddrell Point on Cooper River opposite Charleston], from whence he made his escape to General [Francis] Marion's command near George Town [sic: Georgetown] S. Carolina, and assisted in beseiging and taking that place [24 - 25 Jan 1781]. from thence joining the main army at the "High hills of Santee" – thence joining his company and regiment about the month of September 1781. was afterwards at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] from where he was furloughed in consequence of ill health and returned home, where he remained until the fall 1782, at which time he was ordered to Annapolis to assist in marching about 200 recruits then under command of Major Landsdale [sic: Thomas Lansdale] to Philadelphia, where they received cloathing &c then marched to New Windsor where they joined the main Army and went into winter quarters, and there remained until the close of the war, when the whole army was dismissed by order of Gen'l. Washington from Head Quarters. – That about four years since he was place on the Half pay pension list, by the State of Maryland to commence from the first January 1814. That he has a wife and twelve children the youngest two years; that the only notable Officer residing in Baltimore within his knowledge with whom he served, is Col John E. Howard and that in consequence of his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his County [sic] for Support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Rutledge". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

I John Eager Howard Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland line in the Revolutionary War do hereby certify and make known that Joshua Rutledge of Harford County, and who is now applying for an allowance of pay under a late act of Congress, was a Lieutenant in the fourth Maryland Regiment, commanded by Colonel Hall, and to the best of my recollection the said Rutledge served as a Lieutenant to the end of the War.

Given under my Hand at Baltimore this twenty seventh day of May in the year eighteen hundred and eighteen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Howard". The signature is written in a more formal, upright cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

NOTE: On 2 June 1853 Elizabeth Brooks, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Joshua Rutledge on 25 Apr 1820, and he died 15 Sep 1825. She subsequently married Samuel Brooks on 27 Aug 1827, and he died 10 Oct 1839. In the file is a statement from the Clerk of Harford County stating that Joshua Rutledge and Elizabeth McComas were married there on 25 Apr 1820. On 27 May 1856 she revoked a former power of attorney to obtain bounty land and reassigned it to her son, Nicholas D. McComas.