

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Uriah Rector¹ W7135

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State of Tennessee Roane County: Circuit Court 7th judicial Circuit: September Term 1823

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of September 1823 personally appeared in open court it being a court of record for Roane County Uriah Rector aged about sixty-seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Uriah Rector enlisted for the term of two years in the year 1775 or 6 to the best of his knowledge in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Ashley [John Ashby] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps during the term of two years (but was rendered unable of actual service by getting his left knee joint out of place which is out of place yet) and was duly discharged by Colonel Marshall when his two years expired in the State of Virginia: and that he never received any pension although he has been a cripple ever since he got his knee out of place. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 – that he has no property except his wearing apparel & bedding. Has a wife aged about 42 years and 3 children that live with him viz. two daughters and one son his oldest daughter aged about 13 years the second 9 years his son aged 2 years. That he has no trade, only a farmer, not able to do much.

He further states that he on the 14th day of September 1819 appeared before the Honorable Judge Howell and made a declaration before him in order to enable him to draw a pension. That he employed an attorney to transact his business. That the declaration was sent to the War Department which was returned to the said attorney as he is informed and believes for the want of evidence as to his service but the said attorney never informed this declarant of the said return of his declaration, nor that there was further proof required.

Sworn to in open Court this 8th day of September 1823

S/ H. S. Parris, DC

S/ Uriah Rector, X his mark

¹ BLWt26761-160-55

[f p. 28]

State of Tennessee McMinn County: This is to certify that Maximilian Rector² & Barten McPherson³ personally appeared before me Joab Hill an acting justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Uriah Rector was in the third Virginia Regiment of regulars under the command of Captain John Ashby Colonel Thomas Marshall commanded the Regiment that the said Uriah Rector was upwards of nine months in this service in the year 1775 or 1776 to the best of their recollection and belief.

Sworn to before me this 5th day of February 1824 and subscribed

S/ Maximilian Rector, X his mark

S/ Barten McPherson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barten McPherson". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[f p. 34]

Additional Declaration of Uriah Rector

State of Tennessee Roane County Circuit Court: March Term 1824

Be it remembered that on this 9th day of March 1824 personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of record) Uriah Rector aged about 67 years and made the following Declaration on oath (in addition to his former Declaration made on the 8th day of September 1823) in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he enlisted in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Ashley and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall on the Continental establishment – that he enlisted for the term of 2 years and served the term for which he was enlisted. That his enlistment was in the year 1775 or 1776. He further saith that he was a resident citizen of the County of Roane on the 18th of March 1818 and has been ever since and now is a citizen of said County in the State of Tennessee.

S/ Uriah Rector, X his mark

[f p. 8: on December 5, 1854 in Williamson County Illinois, Winifred Rector, 78, made application as the widow of Uriah Rector, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Greenville County South Carolina; that they were married by Isaiah Lemon, a Minister of the Gospel sometime in the year 1805; that her husband died October 5, 1833 and that she remains his widow; that after their marriage they moved to Roane County Tennessee where they raised their family of sons and daughters until the death of her husband; that she continued to live in Rowan County Tennessee until about 2 years ago when she left that state and came with her son William Rector to the state of Illinois. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 9: On December 5, 1854 in Williamson County Illinois, William Rector and Orison Harris gave testimony that they were well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that William is their youngest son; that they lived together as man and wife until the death of the veteran; that his widow remains unmarried. Both affiants signed their affidavit with their mark.]

² FPA W2002 (transcribed and posted in this database 6/13/12)

³ FPA R6810

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 9th 1824 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]