

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Rutherford W8571

Elizabeth

f47VA

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[f p. 15]

Kentucky Sct.

Archibald Rutherford appeared before me B. Shackelford a Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Logan and made oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line in Captain Jos. Crockett's [Joseph Crockett's] company – He does not now recollect by whom the Regiment was commanded. He thinks however by Colonel Field [probably William Dangerfield] or Colonel McClanahan [probably Alexander McClanahan], – that he continued in the service of his country fighting against the common enemy from the time aforesaid till sometime in the year 1779 when he was discharged in due form, that said discharge is now lost & cannot be found. That from his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of aid from his Government for support. He therefore prays the benefit of an act of Congress providing for the relief of such persons – The said Rutherford relinquishes all claim to any pension heretofore allowed him by the Government of the United States. The said Rutherford states that he was born in Virginia & he continues a citizen of the United States ever since his birth.

S/ A Rutherford



[attested October 24, 1818 by B/ Shackelford, JP]

[f p. 24]

Jessamine County State of Kentucky

Joseph Crockett¹ appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that Archibald Rutherford served in the Revolutionary war two years under him said Crockett as Captain in the 7th Regiment Virginia Continental line – that said Rutherford was honorably discharged about the year 76 & 77 –

Given under my hand this 23rd of October 1819

S/ John Downing, JP

[f p. 13]

Schedule

Kentucky Logan County: SS

¹ [Joseph Crockett S46377](#)

On this 24th day of May 1821 Personally appeared in open Court in the Circuit Court for the said County of Logan being a Court of Record for the Circuit Court composed of the said County –

Archibald Rutherford aged about 66 years resident in the said County of Logan & circuit aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted under as a soldier in the Revolutionary War under Captain Joseph Crockett of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Fields, that he enlisted into said company in said Regiment in the year 1776 for two years and faithfully served out the time and was honorably discharged, the date of his original declaration for to obtain a pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress of 18th of March 1818 providing for the support of the officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary War he does not recollect, the same having been transmitted to the Department of War of the United States and is there filed as he is informed – And I doth further solemnly make oath that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not, since that time, by gift sale or otherwise in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress Entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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 –

1 cow & calf	\$12.00
1 Sow, 5 pigs & 6 shoats	11.00
monies due me	<u>4.00</u>
	\$27.00

no other property real or personal except necessary clothing & bedding

S/ A. Rutherford

And the said Rutherford doth further make oath that he hath no Occupation but that of a farmer, which he does not pursued now – That from age & infirmity [word written over and indecipherable] one of his knees [indcipherable word] he does not feel himself competent to labor for his leaving – that his family consist of his Wife aged 57 years January last, reasonably healthy for her age but not able to perform much labor & 2 children living with him both boys, one aged about 17 & the other about 1? [Last digit written over and illegible] of age.

S/ A. Rutherford

Sworn to and declared on the 24th day of May 1821 before the Judge of the said Circuit Court of Logan in Open court.

[f p. 11: On August 28, 1843 in Logan County Kentucky, Elizabeth Rutherford, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Archibald Rutherford, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 29, 1782 in Virginia; that her husband died July 31st, 1838 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 7: On April 11, 1847 in Randolph County Missouri, Joseph Rutherford gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Archibald & Elizabeth Rutherford in the State of Virginia as early as the year 1779; that he knows they were married previous to that time or living together as man and wife until the year 1810 which was the last time he ever saw them; that they had 5 children

to wit, Robert, Stephen, Catharine, John & Archibald born previous to the year 1794. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 8: On April 12, 1845 in Randolph County Missouri, Archibald Rutherford gave testimony that he is the son of Archibald & Elizabeth Rutherford; that from information received at an early age he believes he was born in the month of October 1793; that he had three brothers and one sister older than himself, that his brother Stephen older than himself lived in Logan County Kentucky many years past and that a stone was placed over him upon which was inscribed the time of his birth; that he remembers distinctly when his parents moved from Jessamine County Kentucky to Logan County Kentucky where they continued to reside until the death of her father in the year 1839; that when he last saw his mother in June 1844 she still lived as the widow of his father; and that his parents were united in marriage long prior to the year 1794.

*map copy previous to
Archie Rutherford*]

[f p. 39: On May 21, 1845 in Logan County Kentucky, John Aker gave testimony that he was born in the year 1800; that he became acquainted with Archibald Rutherford and his wife Elizabeth from his boyhood; that he knew their sons Stephen, John & Archibald and their daughter Katharine; that the youngest of them was several years older than himself; that Archibald and Elizabeth Rutherford moved from Fayette County Kentucky about 1810 and that 1827 the affiant married the widow of Stephen Rutherford some of Archibald and Elizabeth Rutherford; that affiant now resides on the farm of said Stephen Rutherford; that in 1827, a headstone was placed on the grave of Stephen Rutherford which is engraved with the following "Sacred to the memory of Stephen Rutherford who died 28th of September 1823 aged 38 years 2 months and 23 days".]

[f p. 41: On May 21, 1845 in Logan County Kentucky, George Blakey gave testimony that he became acquainted with Archibald and Elizabeth Rutherford about 30 years ago; that he was induced to call upon Mr. Owens of Logan County who married Catharine Rutherford daughter of Archibald & Elizabeth Rutherford for the purpose of taking his & his wife's depositions; Mr. Owens told the affiant that he married Catharine Rutherford in 1806 and a short time thereafter he entered the date of his wife's birth as well as marriage in a small Bible which he exhibited to the affiant wherein he found that Catharine Owens daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Rutherford was born in 1787 and married to Mr. Saml Owens [Samuel Owens] in 1806.]

[facts in file: some of the documents in this file have been rendered very difficult to read by fact that he has leaked through from one side of the page to the other. There appears however the following additional information extracted from the documents in the file the veteran married Elizabeth June 29, 1782 in Washington County Virginia; the veteran and his wife had 11 children of whom only the following are named: Robert; Stephen, died September 28, 1823; Catharine, born November 22, 1787 married Samuel Owens; Archibald born October 1793; Samuel O. (the youngest child) aged 36 years in 1843; no other names stated in the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 24, 1818, for service as

a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per Adam beginning March 4th, 1843.]