Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Rutledge W708 Elizabeth Brooks MD

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,
etitled “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 whence 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 besieging and taking that
place [24 - 25 Jan 1781]. from hence 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.

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
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.