

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Amos of Read: R8628

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Virginia, County of Nansemond Sc

On this 13th day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Riddick, Hardy Cross, Edward R Hunter, Edwin B Sumner, the Court of Nansemond County now sitting Amos of Read a free man of colour by birth, a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia, aged 75 years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. He says that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered as a militia man (drafted) on his own account on the [blank] day of [blank] under Captain Michael King, Lieutenant [blank] Hurdle, and Ensign Theophilus Pugh, and served he thinks about 12 months in the whole, under the said officers in the surrounding country, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Surry and Norfolk Counties &c; and that during this this time he was in only one little Skirmish, which happened at or near a place in Nansemond County called Piss-Pot Swamp; he there served under captain [blank] Godwin for 4 or 5 weeks; he then served under Captain John Coles for a few days during the time of service, that Josiah Riddick, Robert M Riddick (as he thinks) and Colonel John B Wills were the Colonels; that he was at or near Little York, and when their discharge he came home; and when again wanted he volunteered his services to go to portsmouth to dig down some embankments, William Riddick Captain, David Campbell Lieutenant, [blank] Ensign; that he served there only about 6 months, he was then discharged and came home; part of which time he was a substitute for Thomas Allmand, and his old master Moses Riddick; that he recollects of seeing General Washington at or near little York; that he has no recollection of any of the other regular officers; that he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge; (that he thinks he can prove this by James Wright and Joseph Ross) that he was born in the County of Nansemond, Virginia; that he has no record of his age; that he has always lived in Nansemond County Virginia, that he has stated all he knows about the matter further he cannot recollect. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) Amos of his+mark Read.