

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Rush R9090

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State of Virginia } Sc

On this 23rd day of November 1832 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia, John Rush, a resident of the said County aged about 79 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 7, 1832. Viz

I John Rush, of Rockingham County in the state of Virginia do hereby make the following declaration - I was born according to the family record of my father a copy of which is now in my possession on the 6th day of December in the year 1753, and near the place where I now live & have lived all my life in Rockingham county then part of Augusta. I first entered the militia service in the year 1774 as a volunteer, and acted as a Sergeant. The Indians having done immense mischief in the western prt of this state, four Regiments marched under the command of Gen'l. Andrew Lewis who with a part of the troops under his command fought on or about the 10 of October a most obstinate & sanguinary battle at "Point Pleasant" with a much greater number of Indians. The battle commenced about sunrise, and was maintained with great fury untill about dusk when the Indians were defeated with immense loss, and in the night crossed the river Ohio. in this battle the brave Colonel Charles Lewis was killed, as was also Colo [John] Field. I was not myself in the action as the company to which I belonged with about 300 men under Col. [George] Slaughter who had charge of the baggage had not arrived at the Point, but when the battle was begun, an express was dispatched for us and we marched rapidly forward, & got up just as the Indians were routed. In this service I was engaged not less than three & a half months. — My second tour of duty was in the year 1780 (I think it was) as a Captain. I do not recollect certainly at what time I entered the service but I think it was early in October I was encamped principally near Richmond - Col Sampson Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] of Augusta commanded the Regiment to which my company was attached. We were discharged a short time before the expiration of three months service at Bacon Branch just above Richmond. During this time I was not engaged with any enemy. — My third tour of duty was as a private under Capt. George Huston of this county in an expedition to the South branch of Potomac against the Tories, who had made an establishment under a certain Genl. Claypoole near Cape Capon [sic: Cacapon Mountain in present Morgan County WV]. I was at this time a Captain, but not being called upon as such I volunteered my services as a private. In this expedition we furnished our horses and bore our own expenses. We succeeded in breaking up, & destroying the establishment. Our Colonel was Benj Harrison of this county. Genl Isaac Zane was commander. In this service I think I was engaged not less than twenty days. — My fourth tour of duty was as a Captain of mounted Riflemen in the year 1781. I served twenty days of very active & hard service, being almost constantly in the neighborhood of the enemy, and in the country round about Williamsburg and York. In this service there were two engagements one at Hotwater [Battle of Hot Water Plantation 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun] - the other at James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. in the last when Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne retreated after having attacked the British line with the bayonet, the company under my command assisted in covering his retreat. During the period of the Revolution I held several Commissions, having been gradually promoted. I do not remember by whom my last Commission was signed. Mr. Jefferson I am sure signed one of them. My Commissions with many other papers were destroyed a few years ago. I cannot by reason of my age & the consequent loss of memory swear positively to the precise length of my service, but according to the best of my recollection I served not less than the periods below stated and in the following grades — For four months I served as a Private, and for three months as a captain (not claiming the odd days) And for this service I claim a Pension.

And I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state
For reference I will name Gen'l. B. G. Baldwin of Staunton our Congressional Representative
Gen'l. McCoy - Col. Jno. Mauzy - Col L. H. Lewis - Dr. P. Harrison or any respectable man in the
county.

Given under my hand this 23 Nov'r. 1832.

[signed] John Rush Sr.

[Certified by Thomas Lewis, pension application S7138, and John Pence, W5511.]