Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthias Rose S17053
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State of Missouri, St. Louis County, SS

On this fifteenth day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court now sitting Matthias Rose, a resident of said County & State, aged about sixtyeight 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, That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Gordon in a Regiment or Battalion commanded by Colonel Trigg, in Kentucky in the neighborhood of Lexington the month of August in the year 1782 and went against the Indians which had been besieging Bryan's [Bryant's] Station and was in the battle of the Blue Licks (August 19 1782), where he was taken prisoner, and conducted by the Indians to Detroit, where, in company with his brother, and 1 Jesse Yocum, he escape from the Indians, and surrendered themselves to the British officer commanding at Detroit, by whom they were received as prisoners of war, and treated as such, and sent to an island called Prisoners Island, above Montréal, and afterwards was sent into Montréal, & drew rations as a prisoner until after the treaty of peace, when he was conducted, with several hundred prisoners, by Major Skeene, a British officer, across the lake to Skeenes borough [Skenesborough, NY], and delivered up to a United States officer and then drew rations from the US till he got home to Kentucky, and was paid by the US his pay for the whole time from the day he entered the service in Kentucky till he got back, being a period of about two years & three months and further declares that he has no papers, or documentary evidence, to prove his service, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, except Francis Hickman, whose knowledge is only [indecipherable word], and from general report, and belief, & that he has no pension present. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid:

before me in open Court

S/ Matthias Rose, X his mark

S/ Henry Chouteau, Clerk

[Francis Hickman & Frederick Hyatt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended declaration

This applicant testifies that the period of two years & three months as stated in his original declaration refers to the time that he was absent from home, and not to the length of service, which would have been about one year and a month, counting to the end of the war and his captivity.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court, before me this 7th of August 1833 S/ Henry Chouteau, Clerk S/ Matthias Rose, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for 12 months and 4 days in the Virginia service.]