Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Rozar S31938
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Georgia Wilkinson County: This fourteenth day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Inferior court of said County now sitting Robert Rozar Sr. a resident of Wilkinson County and State aforesaid aged seventy-six 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 in June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service by draft sometime in the year 1775 but did do not recollect day or month under Colonel Brown [perhaps Thomas Brown Major Owens & Captain Brown [perhaps John Brown] a three months tower [tour] to Wilmington North Carolina from Bladen County North Carolina -- In 1777 served one tour of three months as a volunteer drummer under Major Harvey who was a Drum Major from Bladen County North Carolina to Camden South Carolina and there got a discharge which is lost or mislaid so that I do not know what has become of it. -- served under Colonel Long [probably Nicholas Long] by draft three months tower to Halifax North Carolina in 1779, was discharged but does not know what has become of it. -- Was drafted in Bladen County North Carolina sometime in January 1781 and served a three months tour by substitute -- In the winter thereafter moved to South Carolina Georgetown Parish and entered in the first May 1782 under General Marion [Francis Marion], Colonel Horry [probably Peter Horry], Major Swinton & Captain Hutson and there being a truce made between General Marion and the Tories commanded by Major Ganey [Micajah Ganey] sometime in June 1781 as I believe for twelve months I marched with General Marion and the truce land on the East side of Pedee River and then the Tories surrendered in the same year -- afterward served a three months tour by substitute.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Rozar, Senr., X his mark

And in answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the said applicant further states

That he was born in Halifax County North Carolina in the year 1756. That he has no record of his age. That he resided in the State of North Carolina when called into service, That he has since lived in South Carolina & now in this State. That he was drafted when first entered the service. -- He states the names of Colonel Brown Major Owens, Major Harvey, Colonel Long, General Marion, Colonel Horry, Major Swinton & Captain Hudson. That he received a discharge from the service which he lost many years ago. He states the names of William Payne

& Jonas Griffith to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The forewarning sworn to & subscribed before us this 14th day of January 1833

S/ V. A. Brazzill, Clk

S/ Robert Rozar, X his mark

S/ Charles Riley, JIC

S/ Adam Brannan, JIC

S/ Thomas T. Prestwood, JIC

S/ John Hardie, JIC

[William Payne, a clergyman, and Jonas Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Wilkinson County: Inferior Court of Wilkinson County & State aforesaid July Term 1834

Present their Honors Samuel Peall, Daniel McCall, Lewellyn Robinson and Henry Chambers --

Personally appeared this 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1834 Robert Rozar Senior a resident of the County of Wilkinson and State of Georgia as aforesaid -- aged seventy-seven years who being duly sworn according to law, and on oath doth make the following amended declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832. This declarant swears that he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted soldier, sometime in the year A.D. 1775, but from old age cannot recollect the day or month that he commenced said tour but is quite positive that he served 3 months under the command of the following officers viz. Colonel Brown, Major Owens & Captain Brown and that he marched from Bladen County State of North Carolina to Wilmington in the same State & that he there remained until his term of 3 months expired and was then discharged in writing by Colonel Brown, which discharge is lost or mislaid so that he is unable to submit it in proof of this tour of Service and that he deponent has no other way to establish the same but by his own oath.

And this declarant states that he performed another tour of duty whilst a resident of Bladen County State of North Carolina in the year A.D. 1777 but cannot positively state the day or month in which said service was rendered but is positive that he served a three months tour as a volunteer Drummer under the command of Colonel Shepherd [perhaps Abraham Sheppard] Major Harvey and Captain Shepherd and that in this tour he marched from Bladen County State of North Carolina to Camden in the State of South Carolina and was there stationed three months, after the expiration of which time he was discharged by Captain Shepherd in writing which has long since been lost or mislaid so that he declarant is unable to submitted in proof of this tour of Service but by his own oath. This declarant avers that he also performed another tour of duty in the year of our Lord 1779, but cannot distinctly State the precise day or month, that Colonel Long commanded that he served in this tour three months as a drafted Soldier and that he marched from his residence in Halifax County, State of North Carolina to the town of Halifax in said State, where he remained in service for the term of three months as aforesaid & then received a written discharge from Colonel Long which has been lost or mislaid, so that this declarant is unable to submit it in proof of this tour of service but by his own oath -- Declarant states that he was drafted in Bladen County State of North Carolina in the year 1781 for a 3 months tour & that he declarant hired a substitute in his place, who was received by the commanding officer (name not recollected) and served as such. Declarant performed another tour of duty as a volunteer in the State of South Carolina, Georgetown Parish, under the

command of the following officers viz. General Marion, Colonel Horry, Major Swinton & Captain Hudson. This tour of Service commenced the first day of May 1782 -- he declarant marched by order from thence to bowling Greene on the East side of the Pedee River on the 4th of June, making one month & 4 days service, and was then discharged in writing by General Marion, which discharge is lost or mislaid he declarant is unable to submitted in proof declarant further states that he was drafted in July the precise day of the month not recollected A.D. 1782 for a three months tour & that he hired a substitute who was received by the proper officers & served said term as such.

To the Interrogatories, propounded by the Inferior Court of Wilkinson County & State of Georgia by the direction of the war department to Robert Rozar Senior the declarant as aforesaid, under oath makes the following answers viz.

Interrogatory 1st He answers that he was born in Halifax County State of North Carolina 2nd. He answers that he has no record of his age in no way whereby he can establish it but by his own oath on the information of his Parents.

3rd. He answers that he was living in Bladen County State of North Carolina, & that since the revolutionary war, he has resided in the State of South Carolina, Georgetown Parish for several years, after which he moved to Columbia County Georgia & from thence to Wilkinson County Georgia where he now resides --

4th. He answers that when he was first called into service that he was drafted, & afterwards served 2 terms of service as a drafted soldier -- he volunteered twice -- & served as a substitute twice, & hired a substitute twice.

5th He answers that the regular officers under whom he served were Colonel Shepherd, Captain Shepherd, & Major Harvey, Colonel Brown Captain Brown & Major Owens in the State of North Carolina also Colonel Long in North Carolina from whom he received a discharge and in the State of South Carolina he served under the command of General Marion Colonel Horry Major Swinton & Captain Hudson.

6th. He answers that he received a discharge from Colonel Brown Colonel Shepherd Colonel Long & one from General Marion which discharges are lost or mislaid –

7th. He answers that he is acquainted with the Reverend William Payne & Jesse Pittman, Esquire

He Robert Rozar Senior declarant as aforesaid hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State --

Sworn to & subscribed to this 14th day of July 1834
S/ Daniel M. Nall, JIC
S/ Robert Rozar, X his mark
[William Payne, a clergyman, and Jesse Pittman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Wilkinson County:

Personally appeared in Inferior Court for the State & County aforesaid, Peter Buckholts¹ who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that Robert Rozar Senior now of said County & State aforesaid did Serve as a Soldier in the Army of the revolution in the State of South Carolina under the command of General Marion, Colonel or 8, Major Swinton and Captain Hudson, Sometime in the 1st part of the year 1782 and that the said Robert Rozar Senior was drafted in July 1782 & hired a substitute who was received and served said tower of 3 months. And that

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¹ Peter Buckholts R1465

the deponent was a Soldier in the Revolution, with the said Robert Rozar Senior and has known him ever since, & that the said Rozar is now a citizen of the County. Sworn to and subscribed to in open Court the 14th day of July A.D. 1834

S. Peter Buckholts

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private and drummer for 9 months in the North Carolina and South Carolina militias.]