

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Randall W5666

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[Capitalization and punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia } SS

Hardy County }

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hardy and State of Virginia Jacob Randall Seventy four years of age who being first duly Sworn According to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that the Entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated that in the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia he was drafted for a Tower of six months, that on the Tenth day of March 1778 he rendesvous'd. at Romney the County town of said County and was placed under the command of Captain Moses Hutton, Lieutenant Sylvester Ward, Ensign Jonathan Heth. from Romney we marched by the most direct Rout to Wheeling on the Ohio River, at this Place there was a fort. And we ware ordered out to guard the fort and protect the Western frontier. towards the Latter part of this campaign we ware like to run short of provision On this occation a detachment of fourteen men was sent up to fort Pitt to procure a supply. This detachment of which I was one was commanded by Leutenant Ward. We succeeded in procuring the necessary supplies & and returned to fort with out any accident. about six mile Miles above Wheeling was Sheppards fort [sic: Shepherd's Fort near Triadelphia], & Michael Cresap was stationed with a company, this fort being weak and the Indians appearing in the neighbourhood and killing two of Capt. Cresap's men and one of our Company. Captain Cresap abandoned Sheppards fort and marched to Wheeling, where they remained until their tower expired. We continued at the fort until our tower expired, when we ware discharged having served six months. In the year 1781 I was again called in to service in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Daniel Richardson, Lieutenant John Rennick and David Randal Ensign. This tower was for three months. Our first rendesvous was at McNeals Mill in the county of Hampshear. From this place we ware ordered to march up the South Branch [South Branch Potomac River] in quest of the Tories, they having become very troublesome to the peaceble inhabitants of Hampshear & the adjacent counties. In this service we ware kept busily employed to prevint any considerable assemblage of them and their by prevent their acting in consort. Upon one occation we came near having a bluddy time with the Tories near Breaks Mill on the South fork of the South Branch [possibly near Brake in present Hardy County WV]. At the time it was supposed there was about 80 of the Tories. Our Company was not quite so strong. The Tories had taken possession of an emminence on the opposite side of the fork from us and made a considerable stand. They fired upon us but fortunately none of us was wounded, altho a bullett passed through the rim of the hat of Peter Cutright. And as affiant was endeavouring to assend the hill in order to get in sight of thim, a limb of dogwood fell from a tree on his horse's neck evidently cut of by the ennemies bullitt. At this time affiant was ordered by his Captain not to advance in that direction. In some short time the Tories dispersed, and the company was discharged having served three months. In this tour affiant was an Ensign during the whole of this tower.

This affiant Relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the Present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state. Subscribed & sworn to this 12 day of November 1833

[signed] Jacob Randall

I was born in Hampshear County Virginia in the year 1759

I have a record of my age in the Family Bible

I was living in Hampshear County I live in the County of Hardy now, occationed by the davision of the county of Hampshear

I was drafted for my first tour of six months and volunteered for my second of three months  
As my service was not with the regular army I had no opportunity of forming an acquaintance with the  
officers of the Army.

At the expiration of my tour of six months I did receive a discharge signed by my Captain, but as I did  
not expect it to be of any further use, have mislaid or lost it.

My commission is also lost but know that it was signed by the then governor of Virginia

Mr. Jacob Rorabough and Mr John Davis are two of my neighbours who can testify to my character and  
their belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution

Subscribed & sworn to this day & year first above written [signed] Jacob Randall

State of Virginia }

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Personally appeared before me the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County  
of Hardy and State of Virginia Jacob Fisher [pension application S15120] and made Oath that he served a  
Tour of Militia duty in the year 1778 in the same company with Jacob Randall under the command of  
Capt Moses Hutton this is the Service declared by the said Jacob Randall in his declaration dated the 12th  
day of 1833. Affiant states that the said Jacob Randall did served the said tour of six months affiant also  
states that he said Jacob Randall served a tour of Three months in 1781 In a Troop of Cavalry as Ensign  
command by Captain Daniel Richardson, Lieutenant John Rennick that the said Jacob Randall served his  
said Tour of Three months as declared in his said declaration of the above date Subscribed and Sworn to  
this 19th day of February 1834 [signed] Jacob Fisher Sen'r

NOTE: On 15 Feb 1841 Amelia Randall, aged 75 on the previous Dec 4, applied for a pension stating that  
she was married by Valentine Powers to Jacob Randall on 7 Nov 1782, and her husband died on 14 Dec  
1840. In the file is a copy of the record of the marriage of Jacob Randal and Milly Yorkman in Hampshire  
County on 6 Nov 1782. As further evidence she submitted the original family record taken from a Bible  
and transcribed below. On 1 Sep 1845 one Jones Green, 75, of Hardy County, stated that he knew Jacob  
and Amelia Randall were married and living about three-fourths of a mile from Moorefield, where he  
himself was married in June 1791. On 22 Jan 1851 Amelia Randall applied for a larger pension under a  
later act of Congress. The first four lines of the following family record are formatted as in the original.  
Jacob Randall and

Jacob Randall and Amelia Was Married

June 17

November 7 1782 the first Child born 1783

Elizabeth Randall Was born October 3<sup>d</sup> 1784

Catherine Randall Was born October 12<sup>th</sup> 1786

Ruth Randall Was born October 1<sup>t</sup> 1788

Margaret Randall Was born September 15<sup>th</sup> 1790

Rebeckah Randall Was born November 7<sup>th</sup> 1792

Amelia Randall Was born July 28<sup>th</sup> 1795

Jemima Randall Was born March 11<sup>th</sup> 1798

Asenith Randall Was born January 27<sup>th</sup> 1801

Abel Randall Was Born October 1<sup>st</sup> 1803

Ruth Claypool Was born September 4<sup>th</sup> 1804

Silas Randall Was Born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1806

Tabitha Randall Born February 19<sup>th</sup> 1808

Mary Randall Was Born June 3<sup>d</sup> 1811