

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Northern S31279

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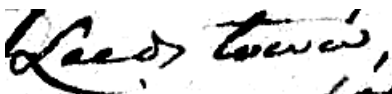
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State of Kentucky Bullitt County: SS

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the court of Bullitt County now sitting, Reuben Northern a resident of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-four 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That in the summer of the year 1775 (the day & month not now Recollected) he was living in Richmond County State of Virginia And Enlisted as a Minute Man for one-year in Captain John Stallard's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Thornton and was several times called into Camp and Exercised in the said Company had to perform all the duties required by Soldiers he served in this way in all six weeks at least at the end of the year he was discharged but received no discharge in writing. In the winter of 1777 (the day and month not now recollected) he volunteered (in said County of Richmond) for a Tour of duty against the Indians on the Ohio River in Captain Gabriel Cox's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cannon and was marched within 12 miles of Fort Pitt in this Tour he served two weeks & was discharged but received no discharge in writing. In the summer of the year 1780 (the day & month not recollected) he volunteered (in said County of Richmond) in the Militia Company commanded by Captain Vincent Redman the name of the Lieutenant not recollected but Peter Northern was the Ensign, at that time the British were landing their forces at the Rappahannock & Potomac River's & plundering & stealing & destroying property and said Company were frequently called into service to repel them. In this Service he was engaged in all one month and was discharged. In, the year 1781 when the British Army under Lord Cornwallis was marching through Virginia & pursuing, at times, General Lafayette, the said Company of Redman was ordered into service and said Redman was appointed a Major & George Harrison was appointed Captain in Colonel Nelson's Regiment. He was one of said Company. The Company was stationed for a while at Laeds tower [??]¹, the married men were discharged & the single men detained & sent to & stationed, by order of Colonel Nelson, at Tapley's bar² [?] on the Rappahannock River as a Guard. Having served two months he was discharged but received no discharge in writing. In the fall of the year 1781 when Lord Cornwallis was besieged at York

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Town he volunteered in Captain George Randall's Company in the Battalion commanded by Major Baytop he was appointed a Sergeant in said Company. They were stationed opposite York Town on the Gloucester side under the command of General Weeden [George Weedon]. He continued there until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] he served one month to the best of his recollection and was discharged but it was not in writing. He has no Documentary evidence in his possession nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his Service. He served in the Army of the Revolution in all the term of six months. 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.

To the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department & propounded by the Court he makes the following answers. To the 1st. He was born in Richmond County State of Virginia on the 25th day of June 1759.

To the 2nd. He has a record of his age made by himself from inflammation.

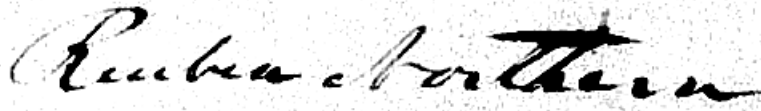
To the 3rd. He was living in Richmond County State of Virginia when called into the Service; after the War he lived in the Counties of Frederick & Washington until about twenty-four years ago he moved to Kentucky and he now lives in Bullitt County in said State. To the 4th. For his first service he enlisted as a private man. And for all the rest of his service he was a volunteer.

To the 5th. He has already stated the names of the Officers (as far as he can recollect) who were with the Troops where he served As also the Regiments & the general Circumstances of his service. To the 6th. He never did receive a discharge in writing for any of his Services. He served as a private except for his last service, he was a Sergeant.

To the 7th. He is known to Nathaniel P. Saunders Esquire and Austin Hall of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution. There are no clergyman residing in his neighborhood.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Northern

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Northern". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Austin Hall and Nathaniel P Saunders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]