Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Randle S32464 fn37NC[sic, VA]
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State of Illinois County of Madison

On this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the County of Madison and State of Illinois now sitting Richard Randle a resident of Goshen Township in the County of Madison and State of Illinois aged eighty 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 the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered as a private drafted soldier under the command of Captain John Macklin in the year 1776 or 1777 he thinks in the Virginia Militia in the County of Brunswick where he then resided and marched through Southampton County on to Portsmouth in said State in order to defend the place, as the British had burned Norfolk, and had threatened Portsmouth, that other companies were there at the same time all were under the command of Colonel Harrison, he does not recollect the Major's name. He states he was in service at this time 6 weeks, and received a discharge but has lost the same for this service, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to this service. He states that he removed from Virginia to North Carolina in the year 1780, and volunteered in the same year as a private in the Militia in the County of Montgomery where he then resided, in said State of North Carolina under the command of Captain James Allen in the month of July or August to the best of his recollection and marched through Anson, Richmond & Randolph Counties in pursuit of the Tories, and also assisted in driving beeves for the use of General Greene's Army soon after the Battle at Guilford Court House, in the County of Guilford. He states that he was in service at this time about 2 years and furnished himself with horse, gun and provisions and was held in readiness to march at any time, until the surrender of Cornwallis and termination of the war. He states that he was in no battle, but well recollects a battle fought at Drowning Creek while himself was sick, in which case his horse was forced from him for a while and that he got him again, no discharge was received for this service, and that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to this service.

He states that he was born in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia, removed from thence to North Carolina in the year 1780 as before stated, and resided in the County of Montgomery 4 or 5 years from thence removed to Anson County and resided there about 40 years, and from thence removed in the fall of 1831 to Madison County and State of Illinois where he has resided ever since. 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Randle

[John Hogan, a clergyman, and John W. Chenoweth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois County of Madison

On this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of the County of Madison and State of Illinois, now sitting, Richard Randle, a resident of Goshen Township, in the County of Madison and State of Illinois, aged eighty-one years, 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 the following named officers, & served as herein stated: That he entered as a private drafted soldier, under the command of Captain John Macklin, in the year 1777, he thinks, in the Virginia Militia, in the County of Brunswick, where he then resided, and marched from South Hampton County on to Portsmouth in said State for the purpose of defending that place as the British had burned Norfolk and had threatened Portsmouth: that other Companies were there at the same time & all of them were under the command of Colonel Harrison, name of the Major not recollected. He states that the news of the defeat of Burgoyne had reached Portsmouth a few days before he arrived there, and that this service was in the fall of the year. He also states that he was discharged at Portsmouth & received a discharge in writing from Captain Macklin after his return home, but has lost the same. He states he was in service at this time 6 weeks, that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He further states that he removed from Virginia to North Carolina in the year 1780, and volunteered the same year as a private in the militia in the County of Montgomery where he then resided in said State of North Carolina under the command of Captain James Allen, in the month of July or August, to the best of his recollection, and marched through Anson, Richmond, & Randolph Counties, in pursuit of the Tories; that he at different times other than the above named, marched in pursuit of the Tories, sometimes in one of the above Counties, & sometimes in more than one -- that whenever they heard of the Tories being collected together they would march in pursuit of them: that he assisted in collecting and driving beeves for the use of General Greene's Army soon after the battle of Guilford Courthouse: said cattle were collected in Mecklenburg & Montgomery Counties & driven into the Army that they lay in said County of Montgomery. He states that about the time he was collecting & driving beeves as aforesaid, Captain James Allen was taken sick with the smallpox, and of this disease he soon afterwards died: that the Lieutenant of the company to the command, during the sickness & after the death of said Allen, whose name was West Harris, & that said Harris commanded his company to the close of the war. He states that a man by the name of Lofton was the Colonel of said County of Montgomery, & James Crump & Buckner Kimball, were called Majors. Sometimes, Crump & at other times Kimball, was with the Company, when they were in pursuit of the Tories, & occasionally both of them were with the Company. He states that from the time he volunteered in the year 1780 as aforesaid, he always held himself in readiness to march on any duty, to the close of the war, & that during that time he was in actual service 9 months, or more. He states that he was in no battle, but well recollects a battle between the Whigs & Tories at Drowning Creek, while he was sick, & at which time his horse was forced from him for a while, but that he got him again. He states that the Tories gained the victory at the foregoing time, & took several

prisoners; which prisoners were taken to Wilmington & give up to the British, & that several of them died of smallpox at Wilmington. He well recollects of hearing of the battle at which Gates was defeated, called Gates defeat after his removal to North Carolina, also of the battles at the Eutaw Springs -- Hanging Rock -- Cowpens -- King's Mountain -- Ramsour's Mill & Guilford Courthouse. He states that during this service aforesaid he furnished his own horse, Gunn & provisions. No discharge was received for this service -- he has no documentary evidence, & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He states that he has a record of his age, which is now in possession of his son Parham Randall of this County.

He states that he was born in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia, where he resided until the year 1780, when he removed to North Carolina as before stated, & lived in the County of Montgomery in said State, 4 or 5 years, & then moved to Anson County in said State, where he resided about 40 years; from thence, in the fall of 1831, he removed to Madison County State of Illinois, where he has resided ever since. 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.

S/ Richard Randle

[William Gillham, a clergyman, and John W. Chenoweth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]