Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Rainboult S32466
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State of Indiana, Greene County: Sct. Greene Circuit Court of the Term of October in the year 1832

Comes now in open court Adam Rainboult resident of the County of Greene aforesaid Adam Rainboult a resident of Lawrence County in said State adjoining and within 1 mile and a half of the line of Greene County aforesaid aged Seventy-Four years who being first duly by said court 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 near Morganton at the Horse Ford below Morganton in Burke County North Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein stated, his Captain's name was Clark [Mordecai Clark] and he believes his first name was Mordecai he marched this deponent on to Pacolet [River] where he and 20 or 30 were joined to General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army at Grindal Shoals in the State of South Carolina under said Clark, Major Triplett [Francis Triplett, of Virginia] and Col. Holmes [Lieutenant Colonel Robert Holmes]. This deponent saith he entered at said time and place with said Clark for three months about 17th October before the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] he was stationed near Col. William Washington's Regiment at Pacolet aforesaid where he remained stationed until ordered on to Cowpens, this deponent fought in the battle of the Cowpens where the party to whom he belonged took 63 prisoners, then he was with others ordered to guard them, they with this deponent and the party selected on that Occasion, they crossed a Stream called Broad River with said Prisoners and on to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin under General Morgan's command on the route to Virginia at said Ford where he was discharged by Captain Clark this affiant's term being ended and which discharge, together with those hereafter mentioned this deponent has not, as he took no care of any of them, he believing that they or any of them never would be of any use to him. Said discharge was given him at the time and place aforesaid between three and four months after his joining Captain Clark's company as aforesaid.

He next deposeth that when the said Clark discharged him as aforesaid that he informed him that as soon as his service were required he would should be ready to attend to his company and that accordingly the said Clark after the said discharge to wit about the ___ day of the year to wit in the Spring of the year after the battle of the Cowpens before referred to he was called out by one Captain Bakerstaff [sic, Captain John Bickerstaff] commanding a company of light Horse in Burke County aforesaid on the Catawba River in North Carolina, that he was then placed in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and served off and on at times for about six months in the said County of Burke when called on by his commander to fight the Tories this Deponent further saith on oath, he with his company were dismissed conditionally by Captain Bickerstaff [sic] until the said Captain should then see fit to call on him and them, this deponent further saith that the last named Captain called again on him with others

and particularly by Colonel Williams in the latter part of the summer or some time in the fall after the battle of Cowpens, from his residence in Burk County aforesaid, the said Colonel marched this deponent with others on to Macklenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg County] in South Carolina [sic North Carolina] where they were Joined by General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army and after they were Joined to them they were marched to Pine tree (now called Camden) where they were under duty and lay until the battle of Camden between General Gates' Army and Rodney's [sic, Lord Rawdon's Army], they were then that is this deponent and others marched towards Halifax, but this deponent was discharged in a little village between Camden and a River called Deep River, name [of] Village not recollected, he recollects that in his company were two cousins by the names of Thomas Martin, the other William Martin, this deponent further deposeth that he was born on Cape Fear [River] in North Carolina that from a record of his age seen by him in his parents Bible repeatedly he believes he is 74 years old which Bible is in the State of Tennessee now in the possession there of this deponent['s] son.

This deponent further deposeth that after his several discharges he resided in Tennessee until the last six years when he commenced and the whole time since he resided in Lawrence County in the State of Indiana. This deponent cannot exhibit any other proof that he knows of than this statement unless the evidence of the neighbors both in Greene and Lawrence counties, hereunto made a part of this Record.

This deponent 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 any State as a pensioner nor as a militia man on any enrolled unless his name is found on one or both of the Carolinas of any State and if and he does not know but it may be on both.[sic—paragraph transcribed as written.]

Sworn to in Open Court.

S/A. Kinney

S/ Adam Rainboult, X his mark

[Ralph Lowder, Thomas Ferguson, Joseph Storm, Jacob Young, Jeremiah Stone, John Stone, Samuel R. Cavins, John Beaty, residents of Greene or Lawrence Counties Indiana, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana, Owen County: Owen Circuit Court October term in the year 1833

Comes now personally in open Court the aforesaid declarant and after being by this court duly sworn deposeth and saith that the reason why he did not make his said declaration in the County where he resides is he lives near the line dividing the Counties of Greene and Lawrence and Thomas F. G. Adams practices law and has practiced law for about 10 years in the County of Greene and does not practice in Lawrence County, and as this deponent resided as near Greene as of the seat of Justice of Lawrence County in the State aforesaid and in consequence of his personal acquaintance with the said Adams he was induced to present his claim in Greene in preference to Lawrence County where he resides and this deponent further states that he now makes this application to amend his said declaration in this said County because at the time of the sitting of the current Court in Greene County Indiana this deponent was unable in consequence of sickness to attend said court and as his attorney resides in the County of Owen and this deponent being able to attend he therefore and for no other reason made his application to amend his declaration and this court.

S/ Adam Rainboult, X his mark

¹ Sic, the events described by applicant indicate that he joined the army commanded by General Nathanael Greene, not Horatio Gates, and that he participated in the second Battle of Camden, otherwise known as the Battle of Hobkirk or Hobkirk's Hill, April 25, 1781.

State of Indiana, Greene County: Greene Circuit Court April Term A.D. 1834

On this second day of April 1834 personally appeared before the Judges of said Court now sitting, Adam Rainboult, of Lawrence County, in the State aforesaid Aged 75 years (past) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That the Light Horse to which applicant belonged was commanded by Col. Washington. That his first tour was for three months which he served as stated in his former declaration to which this is an Amendment.

Applicant deposeth and saith that by reason of old Age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his last tour of service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades --

For three months in the first tour as above as a militia man and six months I served as a Light Horseman, in each of which I served as a private – making in all not less than nine months, and for which service I claim a pension. That during the term for which the above claim is made, he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to subscribed this second day of April 1834 in open Court by order of said Court. Test: S/ Thomas Warwick, Clk

S/ Adam Rainboult, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]