

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Line S7513

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State of Virginia County of Hardy: SS

On this 12 day of April 1838 personally appeared before me Jones Green a Justice of the peace in and for said County Adam Line a resident of Hardy County, and State of Virginia aged one hundred 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in March from the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the year of 1777 (the month not now recollected) as a Soldier in a company commanded by Captain James Pendleton and that he was transferred on the march from Captain Pendleton's Company and placed under the command of Captain Henry Hill in this tour of duty he marched from Culpeper Court House to the Bowling Green in Caroline County and from thence through Fredericksburg Virginia to Leesburg from thence to Fredericktown Maryland thence to Lancaster Pennsylvania and from thence to the encampment at Pigeon Hill Pennsylvania and Joined the Army under the command of General Washington he further declares that by reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot now state the length of service in this tour of duty above named but believes it was fully six months or more. The detachment that marched from Culpeper County Virginia in the year 1777 was under the command of Major William Roberts; he does not now recollect any other field officers; he well recollects Captain Slaughter and Captain Rucker marching from Culpeper County Virginia with the same detachment, that he belonged to; and he having served out his tour of duty he was discharged on the South side of Schoolkill [Schuylkill] River in the month of ___ in the year ___ but cannot now state the name of the officer who gave him his discharge.

He further declares that he was drafted in the month of ___ in the year 1781 and marched from the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia as a soldier under the command of Captain ___ Knoll and Lieutenant George Rinker in this tour he marched from Woodstock Virginia to Fredericksburg thence to Richmond and thence to York town Virginia to the Siege of that Town and remained in the Service until sometime after the surrender of General Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he was then marched from York Town with a detachment of Prisoners to Nolan's ferry upon the Potomac River, and his Company was then commanded by Lieutenant George Rinker; the detachment that marched from Shenandoah County and State of Virginia to the Siege of York Town was commanded by Colonel Bird, his memory does not permit him now to state the exact length of the tour of duty for this last tour but believes it was for 3 months and that he served fully that time, and he states he was discharged at Nolan's ferry he thinks by Lieutenant George Rinker late in the year of 1781; he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an

annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Adam Line, X his mark

[Isaac W Longacre & George Lynn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of New Jersey in the year of 1737

Ques. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record of my age at present, the Bible that my age was recorded and is out of my possession

Ques. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Culpeper County Virginia when called into service for the first tour and was living in Shenandoah County Virginia when called into service for the 2nd tour and I now live in Hardy County Virginia

Ques. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered for the first tour of duty, that marched from Culpeper County Virginia and was drafted for the second tour that marched from Shenandoah.

Ques. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. My memory does not serve me to name any other officer of the regular Army then General Washington the commander in chief.

Ques. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I believe I did receive a discharge for both tours of duty, but they have been lost or destroyed and cannot now name the officer who gave me my first discharge but believe Lieutenant George Rinker gave me the second

Ques. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

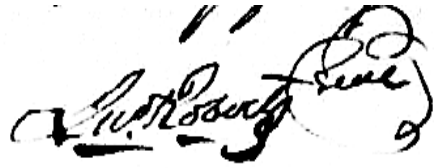
Answer. Isaac W Longacre and George Lynn

Rappahannock County State of Virginia to wit

This day John Roberts¹ aged about eighty years appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made Oath that he knew Adam Lines [sic] well and that the said Lines served a Tour of duty in the Militia during the War of the Revolution, that marched from the County of Culpeper State of Virginia in the month of August 1777 – and he thinks early in that month, the said Lines was attached to the company commanded by Captain Henry Hill, to which Company he was Lieutenant. The detachment of militia was commanded by his father Major William Roberts which arrived and joined the Army of General Washington in the State of Pennsylvania, a few days after the battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777]. My impression is that the term of service for that Tour was at least 4 months – Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of February 1838.

S/ Jno. Roberts

¹ [John Roberts W2347](#)



Rappahannock February 14th, 1838

Dear Sir –

Your letter of the 16th of December has been received and after reflection on the subject, have given my affidavit which you will receive enclosed as to the services of Adam Lines in the militia, that marched from the County of Culpeper in the year of 1777 – from your statement that Line says he was under Captain William Pendleton, instead of William it was James Pendleton, Pendleton went on as far as what was called Bruses Mills in the state of Maryland from whence he returned home, and also a part of his Company, and the balance of them was placed under Captain Henry Hill, this I know to be the fact as I was Hills Lieutenant – the Detachment of militia was commanded by my father Major William Roberts,

I am and have been much of an invalid ever since the receipt of your letter otherwise it would have been attended to sooner – the County seal is not attached to my affidavit as you requested I send it up to Washington by a gentleman on Monday last to have it [word written over and illegible] but he neglected to attend to it.

I have therefore thought it best to forward it to you as it is, and if you should be compelled to have the seal you can send it down by some friend wishing that this may answer your purpose.

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Sert.
S/ Jno. Roberts

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]