## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cundiff S8272 VA
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State of Virginia } SS County of Hampshire }

On this 24 day of August 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the county court of Hampshire a court of record of unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases of law and equity John Cundiff a resident of the said county of Hampshire 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. that in the Spring of the year 1775 when Dunmore lay at Gwyns Island at the mouth of the Rapahanock [sic: spring of 1776 when Lord Dunmore lay at Gwynn Island near the mouth of Rappahannock River] I Volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. William Nutt and marched to Gwyns Island causing Dunmore to retreat. that upon this occasion we bored pine logs and Hooped them with iron and with these substitute for cannon we battered the Roe Buck [Roebuck] so severely she had to go into St. Mary's [probably Saint Marys City, MD] to be repaired that in this tour we were in service one month and an half

the next service I rendered was in the year 1777 on big Wicomoco river [sic: Great Wicomico River] in a company commanded by said Capt. William Nutt being ordered out with other militia in the service of the United States we marched to Wicomoco ware houses when the british came upon us and burned the said ware houses and several farm houses and we were compelled to retreat this tour we were in service for three months both these expiditions were commanded by Colo. Thomas Gaskins &c of Northumberland County Virginia to which county we all belonged.

The next service was in the year 1780 when I was ordered with other militia men into the service by Colonel Edward Conway of Lancaster County Virginia in a company commanded by Capt John Christopher we were sent to take some of the enemy who had been driven ashore at the mouth of the Rapahanack we took these men to Lancaster Court house where we kept them some time & then guarded them to Richmond. We were in service this tour for one month,

In the year 1781 I again entered the service in a Company commanded by Capt. William Downing attached to a regiment commanded by Col Windokimer of Northumberland County Va. We served this tour at Smiths point, Hacks Creeks, Cupids Creek & Hull's Creek [Smith Point, Hack Creek, Cupids Creek, Hull Creek] we were three months in service during this tour but nothing of consequence occurred. In the year 1781 after returning from the last mentioned tour I again entered the service under the same officers for three months which time we served out. This three months was spent between the mouth of big Wicomico & little Wicomoco [sic: Little Wicomico River] guarding the publick stores & goods from aboard a british vesel taken by the French, which goods were taken for the use of the troops at York Town. I was also engaged part of the time in pressing horses for the use of the Army at York Town. In Both the last mentioned tours I served as Orderly Sergeant. I did not serve with any continental regiment, I knew the following regular officers Capt Gaskins, Leut Rawleigh Colston, Leut Joseph McAdams, & Ensign George Eskridge, I also knew Capt. Burgess Ball [sic: Burges Ball] of Northumberland county Capt. Gaskins became a Colo. before the war closed.

that he has no doccumentary evidence of his service & knows of no person who can testify as his service his old brother soldiers being as he believes dead. 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

[signed] John Cundiff

question 1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r. I was born in Lancaster County Va. in the year 1759.

questn 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it.

Ans'r. I have none except one copied from my fathers entry in his bible

ques'n. 3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans'r. I was called into service In the county of Northumberland altho I was in Lancaster I was in Lancaster called into service as stated above. Since the war I have lived in Northumberland County & for forty four years in Hampshire County Va. where I now reside

question 4 How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom

anr. I never was a Substitute. this question is answered in my declaration

question 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. Such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service Anr. this question is answered in my declaration

questn 6. did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans'r. I never had but one written discharge & have lost it.

ques'n 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution An'r. Maj'r. Isaac Welch [pension application S38461] John T. Hickman & John [illegible] Jacob Vandever & Nathaniel Ruykendall Esquires with my other neighbours.