

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of

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Pension application of Adam Runyon (Runyan)R9082

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State of Ohio, County of Scioto

On this fifth day of August 1836 personally appeared in open Court Panama Runyon of the County of Scioto aforesaid and State of Ohio and being a resident in said County and State aged 81 years the fourth day of May 1836 who being first duly sworn according to law saith upon his oath and doth their own make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of September 1777 & resided during the War of the revolution at Botetourt County State of Virginia he enlisted under one Lieutenant James Johnson he thinks that was the grade of the said Johnson he was in the course of three or four days enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Berry Liftridge the name of the lieutenant was Elisha Venzant and the Ensign's name was Smith, the Company as soon as organized was marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina where the company joined the Army then under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], the Regiment to which the company was attached was under the command of Col. Daniel Morgan he thinks the company reached Hillsboro the last of September or the first of October a few days after the company joined the Army at Hillsborough the Army was marched to a place called Ramsours Mill in North Carolina the distance was near as he can Judge at this time of 80 miles from Hillsboro. The Army stayed at Ramsours Mills but a short time it was then as near as he can remember we marched to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina the Army went into winter quarters at a place about 15 miles from Hillsborough he thinks the latter part of November in the following spring which he thinks was in 1778 the battle was fought at Guilford Court house this deponent was in the battle General Greene commanded Captain Berry Leftridge had been advanced the grade of Colonel and commanded the 4th Regiment on the day of the battle to which Regiment this declarant then belonged after the battle at Guilford Court house the Army was marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina from Cross Creek the Army was marched to New Bern in North Carolina from there the Army was marched to Wilmington in South Carolina [sic, North Carolina] from thence the Army was marched to Camden this declarant thinks this was in the fall of the year 1778 and there went into winter quarters at a place called the Golden Grove. During the summer and fall of the year 1779 the Army was marching through North & South Carolina frequently having small skirmishes with the Tories & British. This declarant was with the Army at the taking of Cornwallis after which he received an honorable discharge signed by General Washington which is by accident thought as no use was burnt in which he lived [sic]. This declarant was in the battle at Guilford Court House in the battle at Camden in the battle of King's Mountain and at the taking of Cornwallis at York Town. This declarant served under General Greene as the principle Commander, General Washington was at the taking of Cornwallis Colonel Morgan commanded at the battle of King's Mountain this declarant was also at the battle of the Cowpens where the American Army took upwards of 300 prisoners and where a young man by the name of Washington [William Washington?] commanded the militia and in the battle cut off a British officer's thumb which declarant saw after this battle was over. This declarant was born in the State of ~~Virginia~~ Maryland and while very young was brought by his parents to Virginia into Rockbridge County where he lived until he enlisted into the Army. After he left the Army he lived in Botetourt County Virginia for about 15 years he moved then to Taswell [sic, Tazewell] County Virginia where he resided about five years he then moved to Caball [sic, Campbell?] County where he resided until the 15th or 16th of April last since which time he has resided in the County of Scioto State of Ohio where he now resides. This declarant states that previous to the passage of the law of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and as he thinks about

nine years ago he applied for a pension and obtained the deposition at that time of Polly Demsey who stated in said deposition that she saw declarant enlist into the Army and march off into the service that application was made at Logan County Virginia a County taken from Cabell [Campbell?] County this declarant has no other evidence of his service than what was formerly presented to the war department and what he has herewith sent. His officers he believes are all dead and if any of the Soldiers with whom he served are living he does not know of the place of their residence. This declarant did not know that he had any right to apply for a pension under the law of the 7th of June 1832 until very recently and had supposed that he was precluded from a pension by [but?] the former refers [sic, referred to] Act grant him one. The said Adam Runyan hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Adam Runyan, X his mark

Attest: S/ J. R. Turner, Clerk