

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Aaron W10287

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State of Georgia) SS.

County of Franklin)

On this ninth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Superior Court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting William Aaron a resident of Capt. Frreemans district in the County and state aforesaid aged Seventy nine or 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 7 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 in January or February under Lieutenant Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton] and Capt Jas. Franklin [James Franklin] and served in the 10th Virginia Regiment of the Virginia Line The regiment was commanded by Col. [Edward] Stevens. He enlisted in Amherst County Virginia & was marched and joined Headquarters at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] New Jersey & from there was marched over the mountain – and was there taken with the Measles & was sent to a hospital at Mendon in New Jersey he thinks or Penn'a. [probably Mendham NJ]. when he recovered he joined Head quarters at Germantown Pennsylvania, was taken with a relapse & was again put in the White House Hospital near Philadelphia from there he was carried to Peek Hill in the neighborhood of Philadelphia. From there he was removed to Burlington N. Jersey on the Bullet guard, from there was removed to Princeton; from there he was removed to Valley Forge Head quarters Penna where he received a furlough by order of Genl Muhlenberg for leave of absence until his health was perfectly recovered if not sooner called for was afterwards called for & reported himself to Genl Muhlenberg at Rocky Ridge, but his three years service for which he had enlisted had expired, he however underwent an examination by the Inspector & was condemned as unfit for service, and was discharged by Genl Muhlenberg. He further states that it was reported when he returned to Camp that his Captain (Franklin) had been cashiered, and he found Lieutenant Shelton in Command of the Company [Sep 1778]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state within his knowledge or belief

[signed] William Aaron

NOTE: On 14 Apr 1859 Rebecca Aaron, 71, of Whitfield County GA applied for a pension stating that she married William Aaron on 3 Nov 1829, and he died in the fall of 1841. A copy of the minister's return by Rev. Thomas King gives her maiden name as Rebecca Rudd and the place of marriage as Franklin County. On 28 May 1857 she applied for bounty land, stating that her husband died near Carnesville in Franklin County in Oct 1841.