

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Rice VAS61

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The [Library of Virginia](#) has posted in its online digital collection the following documents in its quote rejected pension applications relating to a veteran named George Rice:

United States of America Department of State

To all to whom these presents may come, Greeting:

I Certify, that the document hereunto annexed is a true extract taken from the "Washington Papers" which are now on file in this Department

In Testimony whereof, I, Daniel Webster Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

[Indecipherable word] of the City of Washington, this 8th [balance of the document does not show up on the digital image posted on the website.]

Arrangement of the several regiments in the 1st Virginia Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Woodford 14th September 1778

7th Virginia Regiment

Supernumeraries

Captain George Rice {a brave invaluable Officer, has been in service since 1775 is old & {infirm & retires for those reasons.

S/ Wm Woodford, Brigadier General

White Plains

15th of December 1778

George Rice was a Captain of the 7th Virginia Regiment, and retired as a supernumerary Officer at the consolidation at White Plains on the 14th of September 1778. He was a brave and meritorious officer, and had been in active service from the year 1775 to the period of his becoming supernumerary. See extract from the Washington Papers herewith filed. From the 17th of November when a warrant for bounty land was issued to [name written over and illegible] Peyton a supernumerary Captain of the 3rd Virginia Regiment, up to the present day, under every administration of the Executive Department of the Government, Supernumeraries have been uniformly allowed bounty land from the period of their entering the service until the end of the War. The evidence in the present case is deemed conclusive, and the heirs of Captain Rice passed the additional bounty do you to their ancestor from the 1st of January 1782 to the end of the War, November 3rd, 1783.

S/ H. L. Brooke Counsel for Memorialists

To his Excellency the Acting Governor of Virginia

Your Memorialist respectfully represents to your Excellency that the Grandfather of this memorialist to wit George Rice was a Captain of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and has received from Virginia four thousand acres of land for his services as aforesaid and has been dead near fifty years ago leaving six children as will be shown more fully. at any time when necessary all of whom save one being now dead and three or four of them leaving families of children. Your memorialist has [indecipherable word] been induced to believe that his said Grandfather acquired a right to more bounty land from the State of Virginia in right of his said services as a Captain than was received by him. And having died at that early period the same has never heretofore been [indecipherable word] or applied for. He therefore prays your Excellency to take his case into your consideration and that you will grant to him and his co heirs the allowance of any such additional bounty land as shall be clearly shown is by law and uniform practice acquired a right to and your memorialist is in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ P. McCormick

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. McCormick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.