

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rudd VAS83

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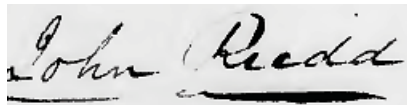
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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#) ] Elizabeth City County Legislative Petitions

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of John Rudd of the County of Elizabeth City respectfully represents that in the Revolutionary War which eventuated so gloriously in the establishment of American Independence he was a sailor on board the armed Schooner the *Liberty*<sup>1</sup> employed in the service of this State, which, (together with the armed Schooner the *Patriot*) was under the command of the late Commodore James Barron. That in a severe engagement with the British privateer *Lord Howe*, off the Capes of Virginia, he received a very considerable injury, in the height of the action, by the explosion of a cartridge which blew up as he was in the act of passing it along the deck & burnt both his legs & feet so badly that one of them has never since been well. That he is now old & has a wife & six little children in a State of poverty little short of absolute want. That the effects of the wound he received in the aforesaid action added to the Decrepitude of age, compel him to use a crutch without which he would be unable to walk. That as long as he was able to provide for his family by his own feeble efforts & those of his wife, he refrained from imploring that assistance of his Country which he now solicits, & which he trusts will not be withheld from him. He therefore prays a law may pass placing him upon the pension list & that such an allowance may be made him as the liberality of the Legislature may suggest & as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

S/ John Rudd



[Reverse]

John Rudd's petition  
to Claims  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1808

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<sup>1</sup> *Liberty*. ND5:1051, ND6:1479, ND7:1196, ND8:1016, VANavy: 152, boat, sometimes schooner-rigged, Capt James Barron, which captured in 1776 the British troop transport *Oxford* and the British sloop *Dorothy*, and in 1779 the British tender *Fortunatus*. Coggins:102, ND10:40, 325, 628, ND11:1171n, armed boat in VA Navy, Capt James Barron, 1776, 1777.Dandridge:186 shows a schooner.ND5:758, C305, one *Liberty* Capt was Richard Taylor, VA Navy, Mar 1776. .C198, another *Liberty* Capt was Alexander Masinburg/Massenburg of VA, Jul 1776.Eller:201, sold in 1789.Possibly Paullin:518, served 1776-1777. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20L.html>

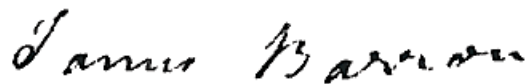
Reasonable  
Reported December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1808

Elizabeth City County to wit

We do hereby Certify that John Rudd served under our Father James Barron during the Revolutionary War, as a Sailor on board the State Schooner *Liberty* that he was a faithful servant that he is now lame and one of his feet and gaws [?]<sup>2</sup> on his crutch, Given under our hands at Hampton in the aforesaid County December the 19<sup>th</sup> 1808.

S/ Samuel Barron

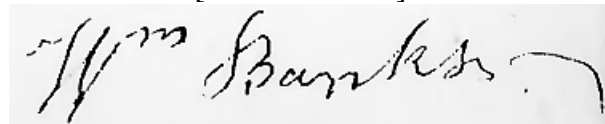
S/ James Barron



Elizabeth City County to wit

I do hereby Certify that I was a Sailor on board the Schooner Bote [boat] *Patriot* under Capt. Richard Barron Commander in an Action with the British Schooner *Lord Howe* in company with the State Schooner *Liberty* that John Rudd was a Sailor on board the Schooner *Liberty* in the aforesaid action and that said Rudd had both of his legs badly burned with a Cartridge that blowed up in passing it along the Deck, that one of them has never been cured & he is now going on his Crutch, that he has a wife & six Children and no means of Support but what his Wife can do. Given under my hand at Hampton in the aforesaid County this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1808

S/ Wm Banks [William Banks]



Elizabeth City County

I do Certify that John Rudd who now resides in this County was a Sailor on one of the State Boats called the *Liberty* Commodore James Barron Commanded in the late Revolutionary War with Great Britain and that he was in an Engagement with the British Privateer off Cape Henry during the Action the said John Rudd was much burnt by a Cartridge in which his legs and one of them he says was never cured is [indecipherable word] Sore he is very old and Sickly having a Wife & Six children and no means of Support but the Labour of his Wife and what Trifling work he can do, I have known him before the War, and during the War and to the present day and he is truly an Object and Justly Entitled to Relief from his Country. Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1808

S/ Miles King

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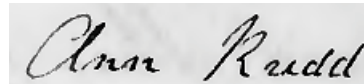
<sup>2</sup> gaws



[another file from the same source]

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia at the petition of Ann Rudd Widow of John Rudd who was put on the Pensioners list January the 21<sup>st</sup> 1809 for having his legs blown up with powder on board of the Schooner *Liberty* Belonging to this State & under the Command of Capt. Taylor who had his thigh broke at the same time in an engagement off the Capes of Virginia during the Revolutionary Contest while engaged in an action with a British Schooner called the *Lady How* [*sic, Lord Howe*] and the said Rudd departing this life the 25<sup>th</sup> of November following your petitioner States that she is now left with Six Small Children and not the smallest means of supporting them owing chiefly to the afflicted State of her husband which was brought on by the wound he received in the ever memorable Struggle for Liberty, your petitioner therefore prays that your Honourable body will take her case into consideration and give her such Relief as you may think her late Husband's Services in the Cause of his Country deserved and as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Ann Rudd



[Reverse]

The petition of Ann Rudd  
Referred December 7<sup>th</sup> 1809  
To Claims  
Reasonable December 11, 1809  
Reported December 12<sup>th</sup> 1809

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Ann Rudd personally appeared before me Charles Jennings a Justice of the peace for the County of Elizabeth City and made oath that John Rudd her Husband died on the 25th day of November 1808. Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1810.

S/ Charles Jennings

Elizabeth City County October the 27th 1810

Mr. Sheppard

Sir,

As an Earlier [indecipherable word] opportunity has not presented itself sooner I received your statement of [indecipherable word] from me for balance of Mrs. Jones' for the last year = By Mr. Booker – your [several indecipherable words] you stated there that John Rudd's pension began the 25th day of January 1809. Enclosed you receive a certificate of his death in my last

letter you find the Court Order for his estate to be administered by me as Sheriff I will therefore request you to apply that amount in discharge of the balance due for [indecipherable word] from me for the last year and Mr. Booker with settle with you the balance due and get a receipt in full for me, as [several indecipherable words]

Your most obedient  
S/ Wm Armistead, Sheriff

[reverse]  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 1810  
Wm Armistead  
Sher. Elizt. City  
\$42.20  
Pension Acct.