

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Rodes R8730

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State of North Carolina County of Henderson

On this 21st day of July 1840 personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas [sic] and Quarter Sessions for the County of Henderson now sitting Peter Rodes a resident of Henderson County (aforesaid) & State of North Carolina aged seventy-five 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the Army of the United States on the 10th [could be 18th] Day of July A.D. 1880 as a volunteer in Captain John Hamrights [sic, John Hambright's] Light Horse company in Tryon County which was afterwards changed to Lincoln County North Carolina. Where under command of Colonel John Barber we were ordered to remain to take care of the Commission Stores at that place. I left Hamright and carried an express to Colonel Hampton of North Carolina in 1781, and then returned joined my company again which was under the command of Colonel Hambright now who had been promoted in place of Colonel Barber. John Hamright then Captain in place of Frederick Hamright [sic, Frederick Hambright] promoted as before Stated, and that the change in Officers took place just before the surrender of Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] on the 19th of October 1781, and that he remained in the Army one year 3 months & 15 Days During which time I was in no battle and that I was Discharged on the 20th [could be 30th] Day of October 1781, and that my Discharge was given me by Lambert Clayton in pursuance of Instructions from General Joseph Dickson who took command of the Regiment after General Davidson was killed in the battle at Beatties Ford in Tryon County now Lincoln in North Carolina and that he burnt his discharge in the State of Missouri in 1832 & he burnt it because Judge Cook of Missouri told him that he could not draw his Pension unless he came to North Carolina and proved his services, and he being old and infirm, he despaired of ever getting back to North Carolina -- and 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year aforesaid.

Witness: S/ Elisha King, CCC

S/ Peter Rodes, P his mark

[Benjamin King, a clergyman, and John Clayton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Question by the Court -- Where and in what year was you born.

An: I was born in Tryon County now Lincoln County I was born in the year 1765.

Question -- Have you any record of your age and if so where is it --

Ans: I have it Registered in a Bible & now in my possession

Question -- Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live --

Ans: I lived in Tryon County now Lincoln County 16 years and then I moved to Bancoln [sic, Buncombe?] & lived twenty-one years then moved to the State of Missouri & lived there 10 years again returned to North Carolina where I now live.

Question -- How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer & were you a substitute and if a substitute for home --

Ans: I was a volunteer --

Question. 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 & the general circumstances age you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services

Ans: The names of the principal officers I now recollect our General Davidson, Dickson & Lincoln, Colonel Barber & Hamright.

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it --

Ans: I did receive a discharge it was given me by Lambert Clayton the office which he held in the Army is not recollected.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans: Benjamin King Senior James D. Justice & General Philip Britton and John Clayton, Senior

[fn p. 6: on July 30, 1851 in Henderson County North Carolina Hannah Shipman a resident of said County filed a claim stating that she is the daughter of Peter Rodes.]

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State of North Carolina County of Henderson: Court of Please [sic] & Quarter Sessions October Term 1851

I R W Allen Clerk of Court of Please [sic] & Quarter Sessions do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me in open court which is a matter of Record that Peter Rodes who was a Revolutionary soldier of the United States died on the first day of January 1849 leaving surviving him a widow named Elizabeth Rhodes [sic] who died on the 19th [could be 17th] day of April 1849 and that she left a child whose name is Hannah Shipman who is the only surviving child of the aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Rodes known to be living.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this the 22nd day of September 1851 and in the 76th year of our independence.

S/ R. W. Allen, Clk.

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State of North Carolina Henderson County: July 16th 1840

Personally appeared Peter Rodes Junior before me Meredith Freeman one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law & saith that he was knowing to Peter Rodes Senior having proved his services in the war of the Revolution and that he saw the said Rodes -- burn the papers some time afterwards. I do certify that I believe the

said Peter Rodes Junior is a man of truth and confidence sworn to before me.
S/ M. Freeman, JP