

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rice R8747

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South Carolina Marion District

On this the 13th day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas before the Judge thereof at Marion Court House, John Rice aged seventy-four years, who upon oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in North Carolina on the 10th day of April 1760 -- removed from North Carolina whilst an infant & knows not in what County he was born -- his age was recorded in a family Bible in the possession of the Deponent's Uncle -- was living in Marion District when he entered the Service of the United States which was in the Fall of the year 1779 under Captain John Munnerlyn -- Colonel John Ervin. Under these officers he was stationed two months at a small redoubt on Great Pedee River in Marion District where he remained with some trifling exceptions the whole time. At the expiration of the time he received his discharge & returned home. In the year 1780 he served two months under Captain Robert Gasque who was under the orders of General Marion [Francis Marion]. During this time of his service he marched to Beaufort, thence to Watboo [sic, Wadboo],¹ where he had a small skirmish with a party of the British: His time expired at Wadboo & Deponent returned home. His third term of service was under Lieutenant Valentine Rowel [sic, Valentine Rowell] under whom he also served two months, -- marched down below Charleston, thence to Santee, Leneud's Ferry, thence to Georgetown where he was stationed until the term of two months expired. At each term of Deponent's Service he was drafted, as he believed by competent authority & was engaged in military employment during the whole period of six months for which he has charged. He has no documentary evidence of his services, -- his discharges are all lost & he has been living in Marion District ever since the Revolutionary War to the present time. He hereby renounces all claim whatever to any Pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court October 13, 1834

S/ Edward B. Wheeler, CCP

S/ John Rice



[Edmund Herrin, a clergyman and Edward B. Wheeler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ January 31, 1781, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wadboo_bridge_1.html