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Pension application of Jesse Rigsby (Rigsbe, Riggesbee) R8808 Elizabeth fn63NC
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[fn p. 63]

North Carolina Orange County: December 21st 1800

Jesse Rigsby came before me William McCauley one of the Justices for the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, and made oath that he was examined by the Judge of the Superior Court appointed by the State for that purpose and obtained a Certificate setting forth that he served in the Militia of the State commanded by Captain Abraham Allen and that he was disabled by a gun shot wound through his body in an action with the Tories at the plantation of Lewis Kirk in the County of Orange in the month of September 1781, and that he now lives in the County of Orange and is the person he represents himself to be and that he is not on the pension List of the United States.

Sworn to before me

S/ Wm McCauley, JP

S/ Jesse Rigsby

There are to be to Affidavits of the above description provided annually.

JC

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 16th day of October 1821 before me the subscriber: a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Orange personally appeared Jesse Rigsby, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Allen in the Regiment commanded by Colonel (whose name he does not recollect) in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of North Carolina that he received a certificate of that fact, under the signature and Seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate on or about the year 1795 he has lost or so mislaid that he cannot now find it.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Rigsby, X his mark

S/ J. P. Sneed, JP

State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came William B. Williams before me James B. McDade an acting Justice of the peace for the said County and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Riggesbee [sic] for something like 20 years and her surviving children one applying for their mother's pension viz. Archibald Riggesbee, Huger Riggesbee, Jesse Riggesbee Ruffin Riggesbee & Mark Riggesbee the only surviving children of Elizabeth Riggesbee widow of Jesse Riggesbee deceased a United States Pensioner and that the said

Elizabeth Riggesbee died on the 19th day of April 1850. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

Test: S/ J. B. McDade, JP

S/ William B. Williams

State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came personally before me JB McDade one of the acting Justices of the peace for the said County Mark Riggesbee¹ and after being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was acquainted with Jesse Rigsby a United States pensioner and that he drew a pension of \$64 per annum and that the said Jesse Rigsby died on the 26 October 1827 and that his wife Elizabeth Rigsby died on the 19th of August 1850 and left these surviving children viz. Archibald Rigsby, Edy Rigsby, Jesse Rigsby, Ruffin Rigsby & Mark Rigsby and that Jesse & Elizabeth Rigsby lived and died in Orange County.

Test: S/ J. B. McDade, JP

S/ Mark Rigsby

State of North Carolina Orange County

This day came John Pendergrass before me J W Carr an acting Justice of said County and made oath in due form of law and that he was well acquainted with Jesse Riggsbee² and his wife Elizabeth formerly Elizabeth Picket the said Jesse Rigsby was lawfully married to his wife Elizabeth in the year of 1799 Oct by William McConley³ an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Orange at the dwelling house of William Perton⁴ of the said County and that he had been acquainted with the said Jesse Rigsby from his childhood and that he has heard his Father and others say that the said Jesse Rigsby was wounded in the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 22 day of May 1852

Test: S/ J. W. Carr, JP

S/ J. Pendergrass

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We the Subscribers, Practicing Physicians of the County of Orange, do hereby certify, that after a careful examination in the case of Jesse Rigsby who is now on the pension Roll of the State of North Carolina, we are of opinion that his disability does still continue.

And further, that the degree of disability under which he labors at present is two thirds being not less than the original degree of disability, for which he was placed on the Pension Roll.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this __ day of September 1825

S/ Jesse Rigsby, X his mark

[fn p. 29: on the Sunbird 9, 1852 in Chatham County North Carolina Nancy Riggesbee gave an affidavit as to the marriage of Jesse Riggesbee to Elizabeth Pickett by William McCauley at the dwelling house of William Partens; that she and her brother John Pendergrass were waiters on Jesse and Elizabeth at their marriage; that she has heard people say that Jesse was wounded in the "old war by the Tories and heard of his drawing a pension"; she also gives the same testimony regarding the children surviving Jesse and Elizabeth.]

[fn p. 30: on February 2, 1853 in Chatham County, Sarah Oldham, 80, gave a supporting

¹ So spelled throughout this document but I have elected to revise it to reflect the way in which the deponent actually sign his name.

² So this name is spelled throughout this document but I have used the more standard spelling of the name in this transcript.

³ In a latter affidavit given by this same witness, the name appears to be "William M. Cauley" and in yet another affidavit given by this witness, the name appears "William McCauley."

⁴ the War Department interpreted this name as William Partin or Partain

affidavit in which he makes reference to her brother, John Pendergrass and her sister Nancy were both at the wedding of Jesse Riggesbee to Elizabeth Pickett]
[fn p. 33: own D. December 9, 1852 in Chatham County North Carolina Isaiah Riggesbee gave a supporting affidavit substantially identical to that given by his wife Nancy Riggesbee]

[fn p. 34]

State of North Carolina County of Chatham

On this the 15 day of May A.D. 1855 came before me Samuel G. Brewer one of the Justices of the peace of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina Mary Parten and after being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that she was well acquainted with Jesse Rigsby and lived with the said Jesse Rigsby and his mother for several years and she well recollects the said Jesse Rigsby going in the war 2 or 3 times and length of each time she don't remember but to her best belief he served 3 months the 2 first times he went out and the 3rd time she don't know how long but the said [Jesse] was wounded in the Battle at Kirk's Lane⁵ by the Tories and was brought home to his mother Elizabeth Rigsby's house and was doctored by Doctor Pils⁶ for several weeks and this said Jesse some time after he got well was married to Elizabeth Pickett and lived in the County of Orange and State of North Carolina until his death the date I can't recollect but I believe it was about the year of 1827 or thereabout she the said witness states that she saw the said Joseph Rigsby marched in the company commanded by Captain Abram Allen as the march to the South that [?] stated to Matthew Sparrow as they passed I that they was in pursuit of the Tories and the said Sparrow said ["]Go on my good fellows and catch the damed rascals["]. I was small but was afraid that they would meet them as we all was in great dread of the Tories and the company marched on and the said Jesse returned some 3 or 4 months after I saw them marched by Mr. Sparrow back home to his mother's where I was living and stated that time that they had no battle in that troop. I do not know whether this was the first trip or the 2nd that I know that he was out 2 or 3 times before he was shot by the Tories at Kirk's Lane. I can remember the said Jesse going into service and returning home though I was young as well as many things that happened ten [?] years back and the said Mary Partin states that she is know ways [sic, in no way?] Related to the said Jesse Rigsby nor his wife Elizabeth though she will was almost raised by the said Elizabeth Rigsby and her son Jesse Rigsby said Jesse married to Elizabeth Pickett some few years after he was wounded in the war to the said E. Pickett and the said Jesse and his wife lived in the said County of Orange and State of North Carolina all the time of his life and raised a family of children and I believe that all of his children is living in said County of Orange at this date. I am very old and don't go from home but I can hear from them often. This Sworn to and subscribed date as above written this the 15th of May 1855

S/ J. G. Brewer, JP

S/ Mary Partin, X her mark

⁵ The engagement at "Kirk's Lane" may be the skirmish at Kirk's Farm on New Hope Creek south of Hillsborough, 12 Sep 1781

⁶ I wonder if this is a reference to Dr. John Pile who was a Tory militia officer as well as a physician.