

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Riggin R8813

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State of Georgia Hall County

On this 28th day of February A.D. 1853 before the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting personally appeared Toliver W. Riggin aged fifty-nine years a resident of the County and State aforesaid and none to said court as entitled to full credit, who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th of June 1832 and the act of July 7th 1838, and subsequent acts making provisions for the widows and children of deceased Revolutionary Soldiers: That he is the only living child of William Riggin and Jane Riggin both deceased, that his father the said William Riggin as this deponent has always understood -- was a Revolutionary Soldier in the state of North Carolina, that he volunteered soon after the beginning of the war and served as private in the Militia of said State, during all or nearly all of the time of said war, and until peace was made that he was engaged in the battles of Gates defeat, Guilford Court house and other severe battles with the British and Tories, and one of which he was wounded in the right arm by a musket ball, which made him a cripple during his life, that soon after the close of said war his father moved from North Carolina to Georgia Wilkes County and married Jane Warren (deponent's said mother) in said County in the fall of the year 1791, this is as deponent did always understand from his parents, that they were both unlearned and not able to write, and kept no record of their marriage or of the births of their children, that their first child died in infancy, and that he this deponent was there 2nd and only child that they ever raised, and that he was -- as he has always understood -- born in November 1793 but that he cannot write and has no record of his own age. And deponent further declares that he often heard his father speak of his Revolutionary services, and that he was entitled to a pension, but that he was very ignorant and failed to make application, and died in Hall County Georgia on the 17th day of January 1833, that deponent's said mother, the said Jane Riggin survived him and remained his widow until her death, that she died on the 3rd day of December 1852 aged 95 years, that after the death of his father as above stated he often heard his mother say that she ought to have a pension, but that she knew not how to obtain it.

S/ Toliver W. Riggin, X his mark

State of Georgia Hall County

On this 18th day of April 1853 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth Warren aged 71 years past, a resident of the County and State aforesaid and known to me as entitled to credit, who after being sworn in due form of law, doth on her oath make the following statements. That in the year 1808, she moved from Halifax County Virginia and settled in Hall County Georgia, in the immediate

neighborhood where he lived William Riggin and his wife Jane Riggin, that deponent's husband Robert Warren and the said Jane Riggin were brother and sister hence the Riggin family and deponent's family were very intimate. That several years before she left Virginia as above stated her family received letters from their friends living in Wilkes County Georgia informing them that the said Jane (whose maiden name was Warren) had married William Riggin, that when she came to Georgia as above stated, the Riggin family lived in Hall County, and had a son Toliver W. Riggin who was there only living child. That he was at that time viz. 1808, as his mother told deponent, and as his size indicated in his 15th year of age, and that his mother the said Jane Riggin told deponent, that she had [words obliterated] child, a daughter, before the birth of said Toliver W. but that she died in infancy. That the said William and Jane Riggin from deponent's first acquaintance with them lived peacefully together as husband and wife, and she never heard anyone express a doubt but that they had been lawfully married. And she further states that she always understood, and had good reason to believe that the said William Riggin was a faithful soldier in the war of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina. That she often heard him speak of having been engaged in the struggle for freedom during a greater part of said war. That she repeatedly heard him tell of the hardships and dangers that he suffered fighting the British and Tories, and that he was wounded in his right arm and in his leg that she often saw the scar, and always understood that he received those once in the Revolutionary War: that all his old acquaintances considered him and treated him as a true Revolutionary soldier. That he died about the year 1833. That his widow never again married that she died in Hall County in the month of December 1852 leaving the aforesaid Toliver W. Riggin her only surviving child, who is as deponent understands trying to obtain a pension by virtue of the Revolutionary services of his father the said William Riggin and that she is a disinterested witnesses.

Attest: S/ A. Rudolph

S/ Elizabeth Warren, X her mark

[Charity Chyle, 86, gave an affidavit dated April 12, 1856 in Hall County Georgia in support of the assertions made regarding the services of William Riggin and the marriage of William to Jane Warren.]