

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Riggs R8813

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United States of America State of Louisiana Parish of St. Marys Sct.


Be it known that before me John Moore Parish Judge and Judge of the Harris Court of the said Parish of St. Mary's personally appeared Abraham Riggs a resident of the Parish & State aforesaid at the house of Mr. John D Wilkins in said Parish & State (he the said Riggs, being unable from age & bodily infirmity to attend Court) who being 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 7th 1832 –

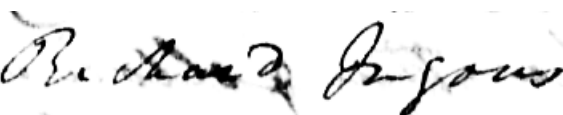
That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers, as herein after stated –

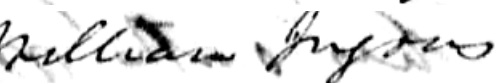
1st He was born in the County of Accomack Virginia

2nd. He is now about eighty-six years of age he does not recollect his birth date – His age is set down in his father's Bible which is he expects yet in Virginia. He states it principally from recollection.

3rd. He was three times drafted from said County of Accomack, in the Continental line of the Virginia troops on tours of nine months each. The first tour he was commanded by Captain Gilcrease [perhaps, Capt. George Gilchrist of the 9th Va. Regiment] of said County, the second by Captain Levin Teagle [perhaps Capt. Severn Teackle of the 9th Va. Regiment] , the third by Captain Thomas Parker. After being drafted, his company rendezvoused at Accomack Court House Virginia and was immediately thereafter in each of his several tours marched out & joined the main Army under the command of General Washington. The companies to which he belonged, in each instance, were in that division of the Army commanded by General Lafayette. He does not remember whether there was any Colonel that exercised an immediate command over him. He was engaged in the battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – in which he was wounded and where an uncle [?]¹ William Rickman and two cousins Richard Jugons [?]² & William Jugons [?]³ were killed. He was also engaged in a skirmish at Wilmington. He is utterly unable from loss of memory to fix the times when his several tours commenced or ended.

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Captain Justice commanded a company from the adjoining County of Northampton. He cannot recollect the names of any other of the officers engaged in the Army with him – He received his discharges from his captains on the expiration of his several tours. They have been lost – not believing they would be of value to him he took but little care of them –

He states that Mr. John D Wilkins, John Marsh, Doctor Leonard J Smith &c &c all persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can state his character for veracity –

His residence is in Attakapas County Louisiana, where he has lived for 34 years past.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He furthermore declares that he never received any commutation for his services as aforesaid.

He would further state that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he is unable to state the particulars of his services, the names of his officers & the commencement & termination of his tours – but that to the best of his recollection he served three tours of nine months each and for such service he claims a pension.

He is not known to any Minister of the Gospel whose certificate he can procure.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 9th day of April A.D. 1835

S/ John Moore, Parish Judge

S/ Abraham Riggs, X his mark

[John D Wilkins and L. J. Smith, M. D., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 10: Note regarding the reason for rejection of this claim reads as follows: "The printed list of 1852 shows reasons for suspensions 'For further proof and specification.' "]