

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Riley R8827

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The State of Alabama Franklin County SS } At a Circuit Court begun & holden for the County of Franklin in said State before Daniel Coleman Judge of said Court, the same being a Court of Record established as such by the laws of said State: said Court holden in the Town of Russellville in said County.

The State of Alabama, Franklin County

On this 16th day of April 1841 personally appeared in open Court John Riley a resident of the County of Franklin and State of Alabama aged eighty-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 in Camden District South Carolina where he then resided with Captain Jacob Barnett in the 2nd Regiment South Carolina line under the following named Officers – Colonel [Lt. Col.] Henry Hampton Colonel of said Regiment \_\_ Taylor Major, Jacob Barnett Captain, William Barnett Lieutenant, Samuel Barnett Ensign in the Company in which he enlisted: That he enlisted for, and served the term of ten months: That during that term of enlistment he was in constant service in the State of South Carolina, in marching through said State, mostly under command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & that he was under the command of said General and fought at the capture of the enemy's Fort at Colonel Thompson's plantation<sup>1</sup> on Congaree River and also at the capture of the enemy's Fort at Orangeburg<sup>2</sup> on the Edisto River.

That for a short period of the latter part of his term of service he served under General Henderson [William Henderson] and was discharged at Orangeburg and received a written discharge signed by said Major Taylor which he has long since lost: A few days after his said discharge he went as a substitute in the Militia service in said Camden District South Carolina in the place of Peter Aikens and served as such substitute 2 months & 10 days in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Gillum, in which Rogers was Lieutenant and said company belonged to a Regiment of which he understood \_\_ Batton [sic, William Bratton?] was Colonel, but who never appeared to command said Regiment.

That he engaged during said period of service with said militia on the South fork of Edisto & on the Congaree River during which period the British occupied Charleston, that he received no discharge from said Militia Service -- That he was born in Amherst County and State

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<sup>1</sup> February 22, 1781, [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_thomsons\\_plantation.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html)

<sup>2</sup> May 11, 1781, [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_orangeburgh\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html)

of Virginia in 1760 and that he has no record of his age, that he removed to and resided in Camden District South Carolina when he was called into the service of the United States, that about 3 years after the termination of the war he removed to Wilkes County in Georgia, where he lived about 2 years, when he moved to Elbert County in the same State, and about 3 years afterwards to Franklin County in the same State, about 8 years after moved to Sevier County in the State of Tennessee, about 10 years afterwards to St. Clair County in the State of Alabama, about 9 years afterwards to Shelby County in the same State and about 6 years after moved to Franklin County in the same State where he now resides, That he is known to Andrew McCain who resides in the neighborhood where he now lives and who can testify as to his character for veracity and his belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution: That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ E. D. Townes

S/ John Riley, X his mark

[Andrew McCain, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Franklin County} Personally came before me A. George an acting Justice of the peace in and for Said County John Riley who being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith on oath the reason why he did not apply Sooner for his pension was because he felt able to Labiour [Labor] for his Support and would not apply while he felt him Self able to Labor – He further states the reason he did not Send on his Discharge was because it was lost or got burnt in his house he does not know which –

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> October 1841

S/ Andrew George, JP

S/ John Riley, X his mark

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The State of Mississippi Tippah County}

On this the eleventh day of November A.D. 1851, before the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, personally appeared John Riley, aged between ninety and one hundred years, a resident of said County, who being duly sworn, makes oath that he is the identical John Riley, who was a private in Captain Jacob Barnett's Company in the Second Regiment of Mounted Men of the State of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War of the United States against Great Britain, which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton -- that affiant served in said Company and Regiment for the term of ten months or thereabouts to the best of his recollection -- that affiant served and fought in said Company and Regiment in the battle of Eutaw Springs on the 8th day of September A.D. 1781;<sup>3</sup> that his term of enlistment, being for ten months, was then nearly expired, and to the best of Affiant's recollection he enlisted early in the year 1781, or late in the year 1780 -- that affiant was honorably discharged from said Company within 2 months or thereabouts (to the best of his recollection) after the said battle of Eutaw Springs.

Affiant further states that immediately or shortly after his said discharge from Captain Barnett's Company of Mounted Men, he volunteered in Captain Gilliam's Company of Volunteer infantry from South Carolina for the ensuing Campaign -- that said Company belonged to the

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

Regiment commanded by Colonel Barton -- that affiant served in said last mentioned Company and Regiment for some 4 or 5 months at least -- that affiant was honorably discharged from the service at Orangeburg South Carolina -- that during this last term of service affiant was engaged in no regular battle, but was frequently engaged in slight skirmishes with the Tories.

That affiant has lost or mislaid his Certificate of discharge from said terms of service.

That in the year 1841, Affiant, being then a resident of the State of Alabama made an application for a pension as a revolutionary Soldier, but owing to the insufficiency of his papers did not succeed in obtaining it. That he did not make his application sooner because he thought he would be able to support himself -- and has done so up to a short time hitherto, but has now become so feeble that he is unable to labor for a livelihood.

Affiant refers to the accompanying affidavit of James Riley as proof of the fact of his service as a revolutionary soldier. Affiant is very old and his memory has become much impaired, and he is not therefore able to furnish dates or particulars of his said service.

S/ John Riley, X his mark

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State of Mississippi Marshall County: Personally appeared before me William P. Williams and acting Justice of the peace in and for said County James Riley<sup>4</sup> and made oath in due form of law and deposeth and saith, That he is well acquainted with John Riley and that he very well knows that said John Riley Enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and that said John Riley either Enlisted as a Soldier during the war or for life, he does not know positively which, but he well knows that said John Riley was an enlisted Soldier and that he enlisted under Captain Jacob Barnett, as to the Colonel who had command of the Regiment, to which Captain Barnett belonged he is not prepared to state from the fact that it has been as long it is not possible for him to recollect at present said James Riley Stated that said John Riley was one of the Cavalry under Captain Barnett and that said John Riley to his personal knowledge was in one battle and that was at the Eutaw Battle and in several other skirmishes with the Tories during the Revolution. And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this the 20th day of September 1851.

Test: S/ W. J. Williams

S/ James Riley, X his mark

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George Elbert County} Before me Thomas Johnston one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County, personally appeared James Riley Minister of the Gospel and after being duly sworn, on oath deposeth and saith that John Riley live in Camden District South Carolina from about the time that Charleston was captured by the British, after which time the said John Riley enlisted under Captain Jacob Barnett, Sworn to and subscribed to before me the 20th day of September 1839

S/ James Riley, X his mark

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to John Riley

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<sup>4</sup> This is probably [James Riley S9061](#)

<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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Personally came John Riley Makes Oath that he Listed [enlisted] himself under Captain Jacob Barnett who was in the State Service under Colonel Henry Hampton and he said Deponent saith he did Serve the term of ten months truly and faithfully and that he hath never Received nothing nor Satisfaction for said Service from said State [undeciphered word or words] Person or Persons Whatsoever. Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1785

S/ [undeciphered Christian name] Thompson, JP

S/ John Riley, X his mark